

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Steelsmith, Daniel Clarence Senator _____

Represented Osceola County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 11 June 1877 Conrad Iowa in

2. Marriage (s) date place Franklin County, Iowa

Maudie Bolston 29 June 1904

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was a member of the Osceola County, Iowa State and
American medical associations

B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Physician and surgeon

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 35th, 36th General Assembly 1913, 1915

6. Public Offices

A. Local Osceola County attorney for 2 years; town councilman;
mayor of Melvin, Iowa

B. State Iowa State Health Commissioner Aug 1930 - Feb 1933; Deputy Iowa State
Health Commissioner 1927-1930

C. National _____

7. Death 12 March 1950 Des Moines, Iowa; buried Conrad Cemetery, Conrad, Iowa

8. Children Lola (Mrs. Cunn); Marjorie (Mrs. Jabe); one child
died in infancy

9. Names of parents Michael Henry and Nancy Jane (Jordan) Steelsmith

10. Education He was educated in the schools of Grundy County, Iowa
and graduated from the Concord, Iowa High School

11. Degrees Medical degree from State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 1902,
studied public health at Harvard University

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- In 1947 he was awarded an honorary degree of Master of Health
by Harvard University
- He practiced medicine 14 years at Melrose, Iowa in Grundy County, Iowa.
- He was Health Commissioner at Dubuque prior to joining the Iowa
State Health Department.
- From 1935-1945 he was County Health Commissioner at South Boston,
Virginia
- He retired from public health work in 1945
- At age 5 he went with his parents to Arcadia, Ohio where he lived
until age 13 and then the family returned to Iowa.



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Iowa News Service

IA. A father was a member of the Iowa house ... sons lost Sunday night destroyed their ... at the east ... ton. The father's ... his son escaped

Dr. Steelsmith Is Dead at 72

Dr. Dargel Clarence Steelsmith, 72, former Iowa state health commissioner, died of a heart ailment Sunday at Iowa Lutheran hospital.

Dr. Steelsmith, who had made his home the last six years at Liscomb, entered the hospital Friday.

Services will be at 3 p. m. Tuesday at Evan Lilly's funeral home here.

Other services will be Wednesday at the Christian church in Liscomb, with burial in Conrad.

Appointed 1930.

Dr. Steelsmith was appointed head of the state health department in August, 1930, and served in that position until July, 1933. Three years prior to that, he had served as a deputy commissioner.

Dr. Steelsmith, born in Conrad, received his medical degree from the State University of Iowa and had studied public health at Harvard university. In 1947, he was awarded an honorary degree of master of health by Harvard.

Other Offices.

Dr. Steelsmith had practiced medicine at Melvin 14 years and was a member of the Iowa house



DR. STEELSMITH

of representatives from Osceola county two terms (1913 and 1915). He was health commissioner at Dubuque just prior to joining the state health department.

From 1935 to 1945, Dr. Steelsmith was county health commissioner at South Boston, Va. He retired from public health work in 1945.

Dr. Steelsmith was a member of the Masonic lodge at Conrad. Surviving are his widow, Maude; two daughters, Mrs. Lola Crum of Des Moines, and Mrs. Marjorie Jobe of Pasadena, Cal.; two brothers, George of Seaside, Ore., and Bruce of Conrad; a sister, Mrs. Nellie Graves of Spirit Lake, and five grandchildren.

Jennette Caskey Rites Wednesday

Services for Mrs. Jennette Caskey, 88, of 1318 S. E. Emma ave., will be at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday at Hamilton's funeral home. Burial will be in Highland Memory gardens.

Mrs. Caskey, who died of asthma Sunday at her home, came to Des Moines from Akron, Ia., 17 years ago. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Akron.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Mary Button, Mrs. Bell Fleming and Mrs. Freda Costy, all of Des Moines, and Mrs. Anna Sheflia of Jamestown, N. Y.; a son, Charles S. of Akron; 14 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

A small electric light bulb left burning in a closet will reduce dampness.

Charles Forb Funeral Tue

Services for Charles Forb, 68, of 1655 Capitol ave at 3 p. m. Tuesday at E funeral home. Burial will be in Glendale cemetery.

Mr. Forb, who died of a heart ailment Saturday at home, was born in Linn, Kan., and had lived in Des Moines 57 years. He was an expediter for the Rock Island Motor Transit Co.

Surviving are his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Mahan and Veva Forbes Des Moines; a son, Co

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tain hospital in New York City,
 63 were college students, 7 were
 physicians, 6 were lawyers, and
 2 writers. One of America's fore-
 most commentators, an eye-wit-
 ness of the revival in Wheaton,
 stated, "This thing is of God." It
 appears to me that such revivals
 of confession of sin should be wel-
 come by every thinking American.
 Our nation was founded on the
 principals of the Word of God. I
 am convinced that the more we
 see of such revivals, the less we
 will see of scenes of debauchery,
 and moral decay and corruption.

One other statement referring
 to the minister who inferred that
 intoxicants were being sold in Sib-
 ley, is an evident reference to my
 message on "The Liquor Question."
 Are we to take for granted that
 our editor does not consider beer
 to be intoxicating?

I realize that we need more than
 reform, we need regeneration in
 the lives of people. However, I
 believe that the time is here when
 we must take a definite stand for
 the things that will make for a
 better society in which to live.

Peter J. Wiens
 Pastor, Sibley Baptist church

Dr. D. C. Steelsmith, 72, of
 Liscomb, who died at a Des Moines
 hospital Sunday, was well known
 in Osceola county. He practiced
 fourteen years in Melvin, and ser-
 ved two terms in the Iowa legis-
 lature. He served as state health
 commissioner for three years. Dr.
 Steelsmith has a host of friends
 in the county who regret his loss.
 In spite of his democracy he was
 always fair and liberal in all his
 legislative activities.

"I am not a candidate for an-
 other term as county attorney,"
 announced County Attorney L. L.
 Corcoran Tuesday. He definitely
 stated that under no circumstances
 would he accept a re-election. Mr.
 Corcoran during his years in the
 office has given excellent and ef-
 ficient service.

Now John L. Lewis proposes the
 amalgamation of all labor unions,
 in the USA. Monopoly has not
 seen anything yet. If Czar Lewis
 ever rules the union labor em-
 pire, you will find your atomic
 bomb in your own back yard, in-
 stead of Russia. Why worry about

member of the Sibley Rotary club.
 Mr. Symens is chairman of the
 Osceola Red Cross chapter, while
 Hunt is the chairman of the an-
 nual Red Cross campaign for funds.

Regardless of who is chosen
 mayor at the annual election held
 Monday, March 27, no citizen of
 Sibley will have any valid reason
 for apology on account of "his-
 onor," the mayor of Sibley. And
 this goes for the outgoing mayor,
 Hon. H. E. Scott.

It is indeed gratifying to note,
 that men of the character and
 ability of these gentlemen are will-
 ing to accept positions of trust and
 responsibility, in connection with
 the administration of the municip-
 al affairs of this city.

Well, Mr. Groundhog ap-
 pears to know his stuff. No
 weatherman in Iowa has beat
 his prediction ability. Six
 weeks of winter were assured
 when this fellow saw his
 shadow.

The pastor of the local Metho-
 dist church secured an attendance
 record for Sunday, March 5. The
 reports covered four services with
 a total attendance of 389, com-
 prising 194 adults and 195 under
 23 years of age. There are ap-
 proximately 500 resident members
 of the church. The young people
 appear to be the better church
 attendants.

The citizens' caucus Thurs-
 day night had a record attend-
 ance of 150—the largest in the
 44 years of my residence in
 Sibley. It is highly gratifying
 to note the fine interest shown
 in our municipal and civic
 affairs.

Speaking of business—on the
 night of the recent blizzard, Mana-
 ger Max of the Royal Theatre,
 had an attendance of only a dozen
 people, to witness the showing of
 the Jolson feature.

In the life of the average in-
 dividual, there are times when
 a choice between a greater and
 lesser evil may be required.
 When Herod promised to give
 his wife anything she might
 ask and request was made
 for the head of John the Bap-
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PAST AND PRESENT
OF
O'Brien and Osceola
Counties, Iowa

BY

HON. J. L. E. PECK and HON. O. H. MONTZHEIMER
For O'Brien County

AND

HON. WILLIAM J. MILLER
For Osceola County

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well rounded and proportioned one, making for the best elements of true success. Genial in manner, kindly and hospitable, he and his wife are beloved by their many acquaintances, particularly among the young people of the vicinity.

DANIEL CLARENCE STEELSMITH, M. D.

Among those who stand as distinguished types of the world's workers is Dr. Daniel Clarence Steelsmith, one of the able physicians and surgeons of Melvin, Iowa. He is a man of fine intellectual and professional attainments, of most gracious personality, of strong and noble character, and who has labored with zeal, devotion and success in the alleviation of human suffering. As one of those who have lent dignity and honor to the medical profession in Iowa and who brought to his chosen vocation the strength and devotion of a great soul and a broad mind, it is most consonant that in this publication be entered and perpetuated a tribute to his worth. He is charitable and benevolent and those in need or distress of body or mind seek not his aid in vain. These and many other commendable qualities have won for him the good will and esteem of the people of Osceola county. It is no very rare thing for a boy in our country to become prosperous and occupy a commanding position in the world's affairs, but many who have fought their way to a place of influence in the various relations of life retain some marks and scars of the conflict. Doctor Steelsmith, however, is an instance of a man who has achieved success without paying the price at which it is so often bought; for his success has not removed him away from his fellow men, but has brought him into nearer and closer relations with them. He has through the years been a potential factor for the upbuilding of the community and the advancement of the highest and best interests of the people with whom he has mingled and been associated. As a member of the Legislature from his county, he is now serving his fellow citizens in a distinguished manner.

Dr. Daniel C. Steelsmith, the son of Michael Henry and Nancy Jane (Jordon) Steelsmith, was born in June, 1877, in Grundy county, Iowa. His parents were natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively.

Michael H. Steelsmith was the son of John Steelsmith, a native of Germany. The name Steelsmith is derived from stiehl-schmidt, a name signifying a worker in steel. On his way to this country from his native land, John decided to adopt the English spelling of the German name and conse-

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quently, while he started from his native land as John Stiehl-Schmidt, he landed in this country as plain John Steelsmith. He first settled in Pennsylvania and later moved to Ohio, where Michael H. was reared to manhood. Upon the outbreak of the Civil War Michael Steelsmith enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Eighteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served for four years in some of the worst battles of the Rebellion. He was in the battles of Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, Dallas and many others. Immediately after the close of the war he returned to Ohio and in 1866 came to Grundy county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm. In 1883 he returned to Ohio to care for his father, John, and lived there until the fall of 1890, when he returned to Grundy county, where he is still living at the age of seventy-nine. His wife is still living at the advanced age of seventy-four. They spend their winters in Portland, Oregon, and their summers in Iowa with their children. They reared a family of six children: Charles, of Portland, Oregon; Margaret, who died in Ohio; George, of Portland, Oregon; Bruce, of Montana; Dr. Daniel C., with whom this narrative deals, and Mrs. Nellie Graves, of Osceola county.

Doctor Steelsmith was educated in the schools of Grundy county, Iowa, and after graduating from the Conrad high school in that county entered the medical department of the University of Iowa, from which he graduated in 1902. In the spring of 1902 he located in Melvin, where he has since continued to reside. He has built up an excellent practice and is regarded as one of the successful practitioners of this section of the state. He keeps fully abreast of the advance made in his chosen profession and keeps in close touch with all associations dealing with medical science. He is a member of the Osceola County, Iowa State and American medical associations.

Doctor Steelsmith was married in 1904 to Maud Rolston, of Marshall county, Iowa. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Rolston and was born in Marshall county, Iowa. To this union have been born three children, two of whom died in infancy. The one daughter, Lola, is now two years of age.

The Democratic party has claimed the support of Doctor Steelsmith since he was old enough to vote and in the civic affairs of his community he has always taken a prominent part. His worth as a citizen is shown by the fact that his party nominated him for the prominent position of state representative in the fall of 1912 and his subsequent election gave added proof of his popularity in his home county. In the Legislature he was made

a member of the committees on public health, fish and game, roads and highways and public schools. On these various committees he performed efficient service and was recognized as a man of progressive ideas in every way. He is honoring the county that elected him by throwing his influence in favor of all movements of merit and opposing such as he feels will not be to the benefit of his community or the state at large. He and his wife are attendants of the Methodist Episcopal church while the Doctor is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Such is the brief history of Doctor Steelsmith, a man who, while serving his own interests, is at the same time performing his full duty as a member of the commonwealth in which he lives. He is a man of pleasing personality, is widely known throughout his county as a man of strict integrity and high ideals in life.

ENOCH PHILBY.

Enoch Philby, a well known farmer of Baker township, is one of the early settlers of the county who endured the arduous toil and privation of the pioneer. He was born in the year 1841 in Franklin county, Indiana. His father, James E. Philby, was a native of the state of Virginia, who emigrated to Iowa in the year 1849. In his youth he was united in marriage to Sidney Lyons, and to this union nine children were born. In 1861, when the foundations of our government were shaken and the call for volunteers was issued to fight for the unity of the nation and the integrity of its institutions, Enoch Philby and his father were among the first to offer themselves to protect the honor of the flag. Both father and son enlisted from Winterset, Iowa, and served in Company I, Fourth Cavalry. The following year, however, both were discharged on account of disability, the father receiving his discharge at Batesville, Arkansas. Both returned to Iowa, the son Enoch returning to Madison county. Here he remained, engaging in the pursuit of agriculture until 1870, at which time he came to O'Brien county and homesteaded on section 10, in Baker township. Here he labored to cultivate the land and erect necessary buildings for the shelter of himself and housing of the implements and produce of the place, and two years later he brought to his home a bride, whose maiden name was Martha Brown. This lady was a native of Ohio and was born in 1842. Four children were born to them, but in the year 1905 sorrow entered their midst, for at that time death claimed the wife and mother. The children are living, as fol-

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Memorial to the Honorable Daniel Clarence Steelsmith of Osceola County

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Daniel Clarence Steelsmith, begs leave to report the following memorial:

Dr. Steelsmith was born June 11, 1877, in Conrad, Iowa. He died March 12, 1950, at the age of 72.

When he was five years old he moved with his parents to Arcadia, Ohio, where they resided until he was thirteen years of age. He was graduated from the State University of Iowa in 1902, where he received his medical degree. After graduation he went to Melvin where he practiced medicine for fourteen years. He served seven years as councilman and two terms as mayor.

On June 29, 1904, Dr. Steelsmith was married to Maude Rolston, and to this union were born three children. Mrs. Steelsmith and two daughters, Mrs. Lola Crum of Des Moines and Mrs. Marjorie Jobe of Pasadena, California, survive him.

In 1913 Dr. Steelsmith was elected to represent Osceola County in the House of Representatives, and again elected in 1915 to serve as Representative. He served in the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth General Assemblies.

Dr. Steelsmith studied public health at Harvard University where, in 1947, he was awarded the honorary degree of master of health.

In August, 1930, he was appointed head of the state health department. Prior to that he served as deputy commissioner. Just prior to joining the state health department, he was health commissioner at Dubuque, Iowa.

From 1935 to 1945 Dr. Steelsmith was county health commissioner in South Boston, Virginia. He retired from public health work in 1945.

Dr. Steelsmith was a man of pleasing personality, took an active interest in all things that were for the betterment of his community and all Iowa.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fourth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Daniel Clarence Steelsmith the state has lost a valued and honored citizen, and the House would tender, by this resolution, its sincere sympathy to his beloved family in their great sorrow.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

ROBERT HUISMAN,
ROY J. SMITH,
JACOB VAN ZWOL,
Committee



You searched for **Daniel C. Steelsmith** in Iowa

1920 United States Federal Census

Name:	Daniel C Steelsmith	
Home in 1920:	Columbus Ward 7, Muscogee, Georgia	
Age:	42	[43]
Estimated birth year:	abt 1878	[abt 1877]
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Relation to Head of House:	Self (Head) [Head]	
Spouse's name:	Maud	
Father's Birth Place:	Pennsylvania	
Mother's Birth Place:	Ohio	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Sex:	Male	
Home owned:	Rent	
Able to read:	Yes	
Able to Write:	Yes	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Daniel C Steelsmith	42 [43]
	Maud Steelsmith	42
	Lola Steelsmith	7
	Marjorie Steelsmith	4

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