

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Hiessen, Johann <sup>Mar</sup> Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Clinton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 6 Feb 1870 near Goose Lake, Clinton County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Annie Eggert 19 Feb 1896 Clinton County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of the Farmers Equity Shipping Association of Iowa  
Moore

B. Civic responsibilities I.O.O.F.; Mason; Eastern Star

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership English Lutheran

5. Sessions served 44<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 46<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1931, 1933, 1935

6. Public Offices

A. Local Director and secretary of the Camanche township school system  
Treasurer and director of John Moore's Farmers Mutual Telephone Company

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 24 May 1944 Rochester, Minnesota; buried Memorial Park Cemetery Clinton, Iowa or  
Clinton, Iowa

8. Children Vandolena; Romona; Adeline

9. Names of parents Herman and Cathrina Hiessen

10. Education Educated in the local schools of Clinton County, Iowa

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

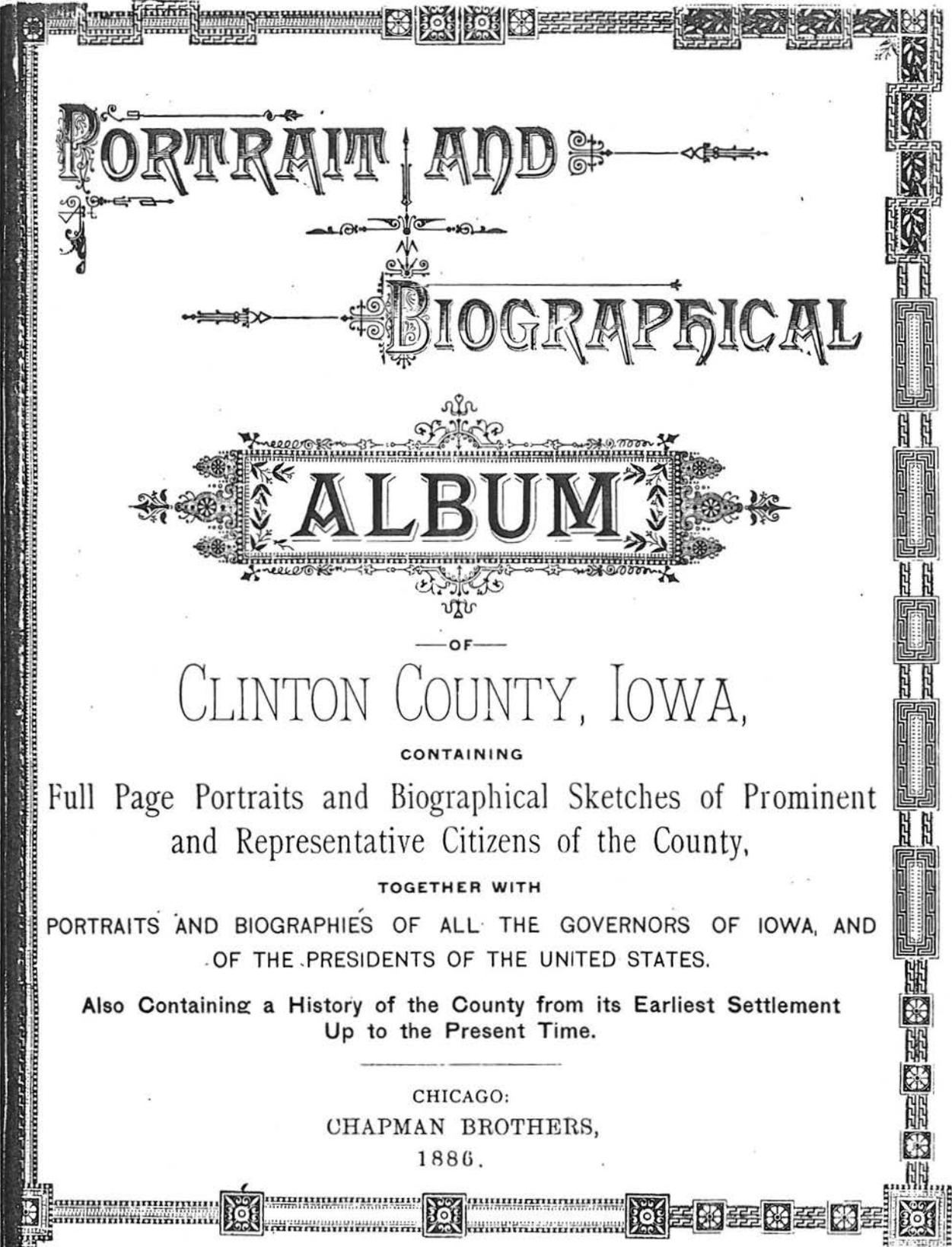
12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He bought a farm in Carverdale Township, Clinton County in 1898.









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1886.

and lot in Newton, where he lived until 1878, the year in which he was called from earth. The mother, who still lives on the old place, makes a home for her youngest daughter, who also remains under the parental roof.

The subject of this biography remained at home until he was twenty-three years old, but at the age of nineteen began work in a sawmill, which he conducted four years. He received a practical education in Germany, and his shrewdness and business ability were in his favor, so that he next obtained a situation as a clerk in the clothing store of August Baumgardten, in Lyons. There he remained five years, and on the 13th of April, 1878, commenced business with his present partner, the location being the Masonic Temple. They carried the same line of goods and remained two years connected there, thence removing to their present site, 59 Main street, where they have earned a wide patronage and do a flourishing business.

Mr. Sievers was married Dec. 18, 1876, to Minnie Holdorf, daughter of Fred Holdorf, a native of Germany, who came to America in 1866, and settled in the city of Clinton. He is at present a resident of Eaton Township, and engaged in farming. Mr. Sievers is the father of two bright boys—Eddie and Alfred.

Our subject is a Democrat in political sentiment. He is building a home on the corner of Sixth and Franklin streets, and the house has received a valuation of \$5,500 with its surrounding lot and all improvements. He is one of the best and most substantial men of Lyons, is honest and straightforward in all business dealings, and is well respected and liked as a neighbor and friend.

**HERMAN THIESSEN.** The subject of this biography, who is a blacksmith by trade, but at the present time is engaged in agricultural pursuits, resides on section 5, Center Township, and is well-known and respected for his enterprise and progress in his chosen field of industry.

Mr. Thiessen was born in Sleswick-Holstein, Germany, March 4, 1838. He came to America in

1855, at the age of seventeen. He was entirely alone, without a friend to help him, and on landing at New York City, was "a stranger in a strange land and a long way from home." He paused to consider what his next move should be, and finally deciding to go West, he removed to Davenport, Iowa, where he had two brothers living, in which place he remained one year. He next came to this county and settled on section 5, Center Township, and in so doing made the acquaintance of the lady who afterward became his wife. Her name was Catherine Paulsen, and their nuptials were celebrated May 9, 1862. She was born in Germany, Jan. 19, 1842, and by their union they have a family of seven children living, as follows: Adolph, born Feb. 22, 1867; Emma C., Feb. 23, 1869; Johannah, Feb. 6, 1871; August, Feb. 26, 1873; Gustaf, May 27, 1879; Amelia, Aug. 12, 1883; and Tena, Nov. 20, 1877. The deceased are Emma, born Dec. 11, 1863, died Dec. 25, 1863; Julius, born Feb. 24, 1864, died April 24 of the same year; Bertha, born Feb. 22, 1865, died April 17, 1866; and one who died at Lyons, Sept. 9, 1875, aged two days.

Mr. Thiessen has 367 acres of land finely cultivated and improved, and sixty acres of it lie close to the city of Lyons. He is largely engaged in the breeding of hogs, horses and cattle. His dwelling-house is 30 x 36 feet in dimensions and is built of wood, while one of his barns is 100 x 36 feet and the other 60 x 52 feet. He has himself erected all the buildings upon his place, and has ample reason to be proud of the work done.

Both our subject and wife are members of the Lutheran Church, and he is at this time one of the Town Trustees of Center Township. He has served one year out of his three, and is highly regarded for the interest he takes in the town. He is well known and highly esteemed and respected in this county, and is a true German in type of character. His mother died in 1884, in this county, and his father in Germany, in 1846 or 1847.

In politics Mr. Thiessen is Democratic, and is a staunch adherent to the principles of his party, which he supports with the utmost vigor. He is a member of the shooting society of sportsmen, and once won the prize of \$100 for his skill as a marksman.

This was in Davenport. They have a shooting-match every two years. Mr. Thiessen is one of those foreigners, who, coming to America, put forth every effort in behalf of enterprise and advancement, and who by honorable labor and honest prudence gain a strong foothold and eventually win a favorable competency.

A fine lithographic view of Mr. Thiessen's residence, commodious out-building and good stock are shown elsewhere in this work.

**JOHN WYATT.** The gentleman of whom this history is given is well known in Lyons for his earnest, straightforward dealings in business. He is a native of Warwickshire, England, and was born July 25, 1828. His parents, William and Elizabeth (Sweet) Wyatt, were natives of England, his father coming to America in 1857, and settling in Lyons. He died in 1870, but the wife and mother departed this life in her native land in 1854. The family consisted of six children, two of whom are still living—Edward and John.

John Wyatt was kept in school and received good educational advantages until he reached the age of twelve years. At the age of fourteen he was apprenticed and learned the tailor's trade, at which he served six years. From that time until he came to America in 1850, he worked as a journeyman. On arriving here he went to Utica, N. Y., and worked for one year; thence to Detroit, Mich., where he worked two years and afterward he returned to England. Spending two years among friends in his native land he came back to this country in 1855, making a stay in Detroit of one year and from there came to Lyons. Making an investment with his brother in two acres of land joining where he now lives and owning now twenty-seven acres, he built on the same in 1873. He engaged at his trade until 1870, and since then has worked the farm.

Our subject entered the state of matrimony in 1867, and united heart and hand with Miss M. A. Green, a native of Canada, and a daughter of

Robert and Jane (Philips) Green. The father died in 1871 and her mother still lives in Lyons.

Mr. Wyatt's family consists of five children, all of whom survive, as follows: William E., Henry J., Elizabeth, John P. and George O. Edward Wyatt, brother of our subject, came to America in 1855 and settled in Lyons. He was a machinist by trade and commenced work for Graham & Shouerman, and while in their employ had the great and lasting misfortune to lose the best friend he owned, physically, viz., his right hand. This painful circumstance occurred in 1856, and for the last seventeen years he has been associated with the Fulton sawmill, in which he is one of the stockholders. He has a taste amounting to a passion for mechanical labor, and runs the engine in the sawmill in whose ponderous workings he daily sees the beauty which is appreciated only by the true mechanic. With his brother he owns the property situated in Lyons and together they conduct their business with an eye single to the joint interest. Both are Republican in political principle and views, and both also are members of the I. O. O. F. From a mere pittance and without the aid of Fortune's hand at the beginning, they have won their way upward, and are in no way restricted financially. They are eminently self-made men and are justly proud of the fact that success lies within the reach of all who faithfully, persistently and patiently woo her.

**MARX ROHWEDDER,** of the firm of Rohwedder Bros., hardware merchants, is the subject of this biography. They are located in Lyons and well known as having a prosperous and flourishing business, calling out a large circle of patrons. Mr. R. was born in Germany in 1847, and is the son of Lex Rohwedder. Marx remained at home until he was fourteen years of age, and in the meantime attended the common schools, after which he worked on the farm for some months, and in 1865 he left his native land and came to America. From New York he came to Clinton County and for two years was employed on a farm located a short distance from Lyons. On completing this engagement he came to the



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### Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **Johannes H Thiessen**

Birth Year: **abt 1871**

Birth Place: **Iowa**

Gender: **Male**

Race: **White**

Marital Status: **Married**

Census Date: **1915**

Residence State: **Iowa**

Residence County: **Clinton**

Locality: **Camanche**

Mother's Birthplace: **Germany**

Father's Birthplace: **Germany**

Roll: **IA1915\_116**

Line: **180**

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Name	Age
Members: Johannes H Thiessen	44

**Source Information:**

Ancestry.com. *Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2007. Original data: Microfilm of Iowa State Censuses, 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925 as well various special censuses from 1836-1897 obtained from the State Historical Society of Iowa via Heritage Quest.

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## 1920 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>Johannes H Thiessen</b>	
Home in 1920:	<b>Camanche, Clinton, Iowa</b>	
Age:	<b>48 years</b>	
Estimated birth year:	<b>abt 1872</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Relation to Head of House:	<b>Head</b>	
Spouse's name:	<b>Anna</b>	
Father's Birth Place:	<b>Germany</b>	
Mother's Birth Place:	<b>Germany</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Married</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Sex:	<b>Male</b>	
Home owned:	<b>Own</b>	
Able to read:	<b>Yes</b>	
Able to Write:	<b>Yes</b>	
Image:	<b>22</b>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:		
	Name	Age
	<b>Johannes H Thiessen</b>	<b>48</b>
	<b>Anna Thiessen</b>	<b>43</b>
	<b>Ramona Thiessen</b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>Adaline Thiessen</b>	<b>13</b>
	<b>Edwin Stevens</b>	<b>53</b>

**Source Citation:** Year: 1920; Census Place: *Camanche, Clinton, Iowa*; Roll: *T625\_483*; Page: *10B*; Enumeration District: *3*; Image: *22*.

**Source Information:**  
Ancestry.com, 1920 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2009. Images reproduced by FamilySearch.

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Note: Enumeration Districts 819-839 on roll 323 (Chicago City)

Original data: Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920; (National Archives Microfilm Publication T625, 2076 rolls); Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

**Description:**  
This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1920 United States Federal Census, the Fourteenth Census of the United States. It includes all states and territories, as well as Military and Naval Forces, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, and the Panama Canal Zone. The census provides many details about individuals and families including name, gender, age, birthplace, year of immigration, mother tongue, and parents' birthplaces. In addition, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual images of the 1920 Federal Census. [Learn more...](#)

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Birth: unknown  
Death: May 24, 1944

Burial:  
Clinton Lawn Cemetery  
Clinton  
Clinton County  
Iowa, USA  
Plot:

Created by: Alberta Daniels Withrow  
Record added: Aug 20, 2002  
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