

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Thies, William Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Pottawattamie County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 18 Nov 1860 Le Claire, Scott County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

① Lena Herst 19 Jan 1886 Avoca, Iowa

② Amelia Sievers 30 Apr 1890 Avoca, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Director and vice president of the Avoca State Bank

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Farmer; elevator manager

4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sessions served 45<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1933 and 1935

6. Public Offices

A. Local Avoca city council; mayor of Avoca; member of board of  
Education Officers; secretary and director of the Pottawattamie County  
Jury Board

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

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

7. Death 4 July 1948 Avoca, Iowa; buried Proculant Cemetery, Avoca, Iowa

8. Children By 1<sup>st</sup> wife William Albert; by 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Clauwa Roscoe (predeceased her father in  
death); Ada Catherine (predeceased her father in death); Bertha (Mrs. Robert Jones)

9. Names of parents Theodore and Catherine (Schroeder) Thies

10. Education Educated in the Scott County schools

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

12. Other applicable information Biographer

- At the age of 16, he joined his elder brother, Charles, in  
Arcoa with their parents joining them in 1877 farming  
in Pleasant Township, Pottawattamie County, Iowa
- His first wife, Lena, died 22 June 1887 leaving behind with an infant son.
- Lena moved to Arcoa and became district manager for an  
Hedden Elevator Company for 10 years
- His second wife, Amelia, born 1861, died 31 Dec 1929



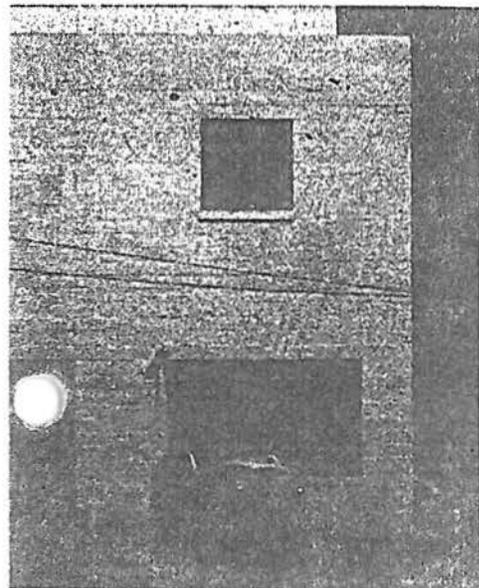
# THE JOURNAL-HERALD

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A Weekly Newspaper Devoted to the Best Interests of Avoca

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JOURNAL-HERALD, AVOCA, IOWA, THURSDAY, JULY 8, 1948

## Better Community



### Hardware & Supply Store

A series of stories and pictures of new developments in Avoca. The hardware and supply building located across has been in use since February. The two-room apartment and a 3-room apartment. Melvin and Lawrence Holtz, live. The building made of cement blocks was built by the company of Avoca. The lower floor contains an office and the repair shop. The hardware supply is an authorized Ford tractor and dealer with a complete stock of repairs. They also handle Wood Brothers combine and hydraulic loaders and stackers. The store led a school at Lincoln, Neb., for the pair of their combines.

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## "Fun For You" Production Termed Financial Success

### Over 1200 Persons Attend Outdoor Show

The community turned out in numbers to see the V. F. W.'s "Fun For You" home talent show Thursday and Friday nights. The Veterans of Foreign Wars' building fund got a real boost from the show which Glenn Knisley, post commander, termed "very successful financially." Knisley said that the attendance was far greater than was expected and estimated over 1200 people saw the show.

### Baby Contest Winners



Diana Horst



Donald Greever

Diana Horst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Horst, was presented as the queen and Donald Greever, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Greever, Hancock, as king in the Tiny Tot Popularity Contest. The king and queen were awarded loving cups. Other winners in the popularity contest were Donna Horst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Horst, princess; Jerry Larsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Larsen, prince; Marius Paulsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Paulsen, duchess and Bobby Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stevens, duke.

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### Parade



Pictured above truck entered in tractor. The parade was witnessed by a big crowd. The float is left to right, mussen and Mrs. are in the cab of

## Weed Control Many

### County Spraying Let To Two

Pottawattamie County doing a splendid job with the county weed Hetzel, county weed stated. Between 100 acres are owned by the county, Hetzel he warns them to follow the direction of manufacturers of the chemicals.

The county has been tilling weeds along township roads. The commissioner hired supervisors, recommended the state authority work along the streets

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Don Larimore, the Avoca manager, was pleased with the victory in which the local boys played heads-up ball against an excellent team. The Midgets will play Shelby there Friday night.

Blank sales books for sale at the Journal-Herald office.

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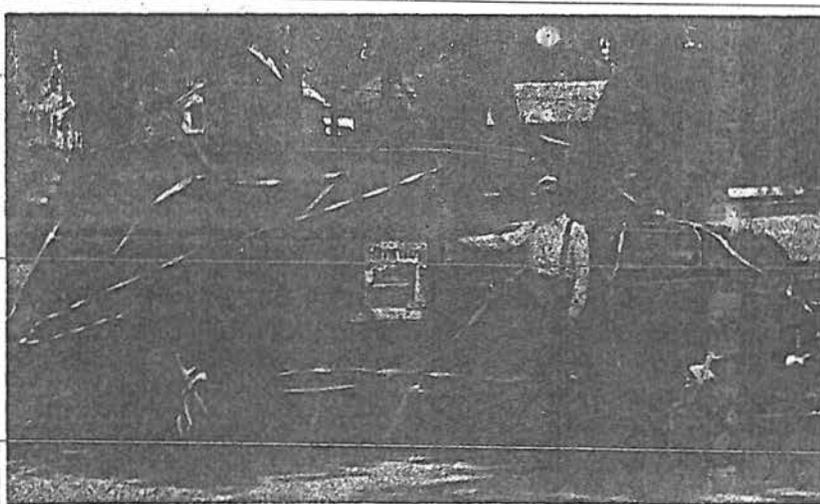
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Silver dollars and candy bars were given on the Dr. I. Q. program. Seven door prizes were also given each evening.

## Avoca Star Route Mail Truck



Pictured above is Chris Plautz with his new truck that he uses to haul mail from Avoca to Carson twice every day. Plautz leaves Avoca and makes stops at Hancock and Oakland on his way to Carson. Chris had his mail truck decorated for the VFW parade when the above picture was taken.

## Junior Legion Splits Pair;

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On April 30, 1890 he was again united in marriage to Amelia Sievers who preceded him in death on December 31, 1929. To this union three children were born; Clarence and Ada preceded their parents in death, and Mrs. Robert True of Avoca, who lives to mourn the death of her father.

Mr. Thies was greatly interested in educational and civic affairs. His interest in agriculture prompted him to become the promoter of the first Short Course held in Avoca, which continued for many years. He served several terms on the city council and as mayor of the city. He was a member of the board of education for eleven years, and for several years acted as secretary and director of the Pottawattamie county fair board. Mr. Thies also served as director and vice-president of the Avoca State bank and served two terms in the legislature from 1933 to 1936.

Mr. Thies was stricken with a stroke the middle of March and was confined to his home from that time on.

He leaves to mourn his death, one son, Alfred, and one daughter, Mrs. Robert True and seven grandchildren, and a host of other near relatives and friends.

## Obituary

William Lester Smith  
William Lester Smith, son of Caleb and Fattie Smith, early Iowa pioneers, was born in the Cuppy Grove vicinity in Shelby County, Iowa, on July 12, 1876.

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# POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY

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## ALFRED THIES

Alfred Thies, William's son, was married December 18, 1910 to Clara Niemann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Niemann, Sr. of Avoca. They farmed the river farm. A son, Clarence, was born in 1912. In March, 1916, they moved to the home place in Pleasant Township. A daughter, Helen, was born in 1917 and another daughter, Eleanor, in 1927. Clara passed away in January, 1929.

Alfred married Bertha Reineke of Hancock in 1930, and they continued farming until 1948 when they moved to Avoca. Alfred lived a full life of retirement for twenty years. He became ill in 1968 and passed away in August 1969 at the age of 82. His widow, Bertha Reineke Thies is living at Oakland Manor, Oakland.

## CLARENCE THIES

Clarence Thies, Alfred's son, farmed with his father after graduating from high school in 1929. He served with the army during WW II about three and one-half years spending almost two years in India and China. He returned to farming after the war.

Clarence married Merna Grobe of Oakland June, 1950. Merna graduated from Drake University, Des Moines and taught business subjects in high schools in Iowa before her marriage. They lived and farmed in Pleasant Township until October, 1972 when they moved to Avoca, and the home place consisting of 360 acres was sold.

To this union one son, Duane, was born. Duane is now a student at Northwest Missouri State University.

Clarence, Merna and Duane are active members of the Hancock Methodist Church where Clarence is an officer. Merna is a church officer, pianist and substitute organist. Duane has been a Sunday school teacher, MYF officer and pianist.

Clarence held several offices in Farm Bureau and FS board, held most of the offices in Veterans of Foreign Wars and is a member of American Legion.

Merna was girls' 4-H club leader 5½ years, holds offices in both the district and local VFW Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary.

Duane is a member of Kappa Delta Pi National Honor Society, English Honor Society, Journalism Honor Society and has been chosen to be in *Who's Who in University and College Students*.

Clarence's sister Helen works for All State Insurance, Skokie, Illinois. Sister Eleanor married Blaine Vandeventer and lives in Ames.

## FREDERICK THIES

Frederick and Catherine Schroeder Thies came to LeClaire, Iowa from Mecklenburg, Schwerise, Germany in 1856 with a son Charles and daughter Mary. Son William Thies was born at LeClaire November 18, 1860 and daughter Ida in 1867.

Charles came to a farm in Pleasant Township in 1876, William joined him in 1876 and their parents and sister Ida joined them a year later. Mary had married John Petersen. Ida married Henry Bornholdt.

Frederick died July 1, 1884 and Catherine

## WILLIAM THIES

William Thies was born November 18, 1860 at LeClaire, Iowa. At age sixteen, he joined his older brother Charles at Avoca. Later, his parents and sister Ida joined them. Together they farmed the 160 acres in Pleasant Township Frederick had acquired. William bought 120 acres adjoining for \$21 an acre.

William married Lena Horst in 1880. She died in 1887 leaving a five-day-old infant son Alfred. Later, William moved to Avoca with his son and widowed mother where William became district manager for Hodgson Elevator Company buying grain — lots of ear corn.

He remarried in 1890 to Amelia Sievers. Three children were born to them, Bertha and two who died at an early age from scarlet fever.

William Thies acquired the land where William True, a grandson, now lives where he fed cattle. He served on Avoca City council and as mayor, Avoca's board of education, and secretary of Pottawattamie County Fair Association. He later was a director and Vice President of the Avoca State Bank. William served two terms in the Iowa State House of Representatives, 1933-1936.

He died July, 1948.

## ROBERT WILLIAM THOMAS

Robert William Thomas is a descendant of William Bassett, who came to America from England in 1621. His father, William Thomas was the eldest son of Herbert and Mary (Smith) Thomas.

William married Emma Roennow, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Glissmann) Roennow. They lived on a farm in the Quick vicinity all their married lives, (the same farm Robert lives on today). To them was born Louise, John and Robert.

Louise married Harry Chambers and moved to California. Harry died 10 years later. Their children were: Stanley, Virginia and Harriet. Stanley was killed in an airplane accident during flight training in the U.S. Air Force.

John died at age 20.

Robert graduated from Treynor High School and farmed with his father. He married Ruby Dau, daughter of Emil and Annie (Kay) Dau of Walnut. She taught school before their marriage and again after their children reached teen age. Their sons are: Kent and Alan.

Kent attended college at Marysville, Mo. and Clarinda Community College. He married Lynda Lacoma of Omaha. They have two daughters: Holly and Kayla. Kent is a sales representative in Omaha and Lincoln.

Alan graduated from Dana College at Blair, Nebraska. He married JoAnne McCoy of Greeley, Nebraska. They have a son, Tye. Alan teaches in the Omaha school system.

Robert has had a chain saw service and sales business for many years on his farm. He also, services and sells garden tractors, mowers, tillers, welders and snowmobiles.

## GLENDON AND MARLENE THOMAS

Marlene Marie Ross Thomas was born on May 17, 1940, as the oldest of the five children of Merlyn and Zeda Ross of Under-

wood of 1945 in the same physical building from which her parents graduated. She became a band member in the seventh grade playing alto saxophone. In high school she was one of the organizers of the Top Hats, a dance band, which played after basketball games, Pep Club, Student Council, Yearbook Staff, and the Junior and Senior Class Plays occupied her free time away from her job of hot lunch accounts receivable bookkeeper. After school hours were spent with 4-H activities as a member of the Norwalk Futu-ettes and a charter member of the Norwalk Go-Getters. An appearance on an Omaha television program as a member of the winning Junior 4-H demonstration team was especially exciting in 1954. A trip to the Waterloo National Dairy Cattle Congress in 1957 was the award for being a member of the runner-up Senior demonstration team. As a member of the county poultry judging team, trips were made to other counties and local fairs. Graduation in 1958 from Underwood Community High School was only the beginning of a journey around the world with the first stop in Washington, D.C. as an employee of the Federal Government.

It was in the Nation's Capitol that she met and married her husband, Glendon Earl Thomas, a native of Silver Point, Tennessee. Glen was on active duty with the United States Army. As a member of Uncle Sam's team, the Thomases were sent around the world. Son Randall Jay was born at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, on October 31, 1960, and daughter Michelle Malia was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, on April 19, 1963. Other tours of duty were spent in Fort Huachuca, Arizona, Costa Mesa, California and Hyattsville, Maryland. Additionally, Glen served in Japan, Vietnam and Korea. With retirement from the Army in 1975 the Thomases chose Fairfax, Virginia as their latest home. The field of data processing is the chosen profession for both Marlene and Glen; she with the Federal Government as a computer systems analyst and he with private industry as a computer systems analyst/programmer. A mini-computer in their home is not only a hobby but a useful and practical tool for financial recordkeeping. They are active in the Parent Teacher Association, having served as officers in local PTA's in Maryland and Virginia. Gardening on two acres in Fairfax, Virginia, has replaced farming on 160 acres in Underwood, Iowa, in all ways but spiritually.



Dr. and Mrs. Joe Thomas Mindy and Robbie —  
December 1977

## NEILL AND NINA THOMAS

Neill and Nina (Carley) Thomas now reside in Belknap Township, 1¼ miles west of Oakland, road G 42 in a one story brick home and own 20 acres. Until their retirement they farmed 480 A., were active in county and state 4-H and were officers of

# POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY,

## IOWA

### CEMETERIES

#### GRACELAND & NEWTOWN

#### AVOCA, IOWA

#### VOL. 1 - BOOK 1A

Lyon Rock Rapids	Osceola Sibley	Dickinson Spirit Lake	Emmet Estherville	Kossuth Algona	Winnebago Forest City	Worth Northwood	Mitchell Osage	Howard Cresco	Winneshiek Decorah	Allamakee Waukon	
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GRACELAND CEMETERY

- s- TIEDT, Florence 1911 - 1970  
Carl 1904 - 1980 "Gone but not forgotten."
- s- TIEDT, Emma 1880 - 1962
- s- THOMPSEN, Lena 1893 - Mother  
Carl 1890 - 1972 Father
- s- HOW, Elsie B. 1902 -  
Harry F. 1901 - 1975
- s- HOW, Elizabeth 1869 - 1948  
Harry A. 1868 - 1943

Row 26

- s- PRESTON, Cyrilla S. 1860 - 1951
- s- PRESTON, Arthur L. 1860 - 1930
- s- SMITH, Mrs. E. K. 1829 - 1912 Mother
- s- SMITH, Emma F. 1867 - 1911
- s- TRUE, ( west side) THIES, ( east side) Family stone
- s- HARDER, Family stone
- s- HEESCH, Herbert H. 1909 - 1975
- s- RUSSMAN, Lillie Katharine 1901 - 1929
- s- VOGT, Henry 1881 - 1960  
Minnie A. 1883 - 1977
- s- HINZ, Alvena M. 1894 - 1978
- s- HINZ, William D. 1885 - 1965

Row 27

- s- PRESTON, 14 Mar 1894 age 8y 4m Little dau/o Mr. & Mrs,  
A. L. PRESTON "Sleep on in thy beauty, Thou  
sweet angel child."
- s- PRESTON, Paul 6 Jan 1888 age 5m 11d s/o A.L. & C.S.
- s- (THIES), Clarence R. 22 Mar 1891 - 19 Nov 1893
- s- (THIES), Ada G. 14 July 1899 - 17 May 1907
- s- (THIES), Amelia 27 Sept 1862 - 31 Dec 1929 Mother
- s- (THIES), William 18 Nov 1860 - 4 July 1948 Father
- s- (HARDER), Elsie M. 2 Apr 1903
- s- (HARDER), Esther R. 11 Mar 1906 - 10 Feb 1969
- s- (HARDER), Caroline 18 Aug 1876 - 6 Jan 1955
- s- (HARDER), P. Willie 14 Sept 1875 - 7 Jan 1953 FLT mm
- s- KRISTENSEN, Wilbur 1871 - 1929
- s- HOW, Mabel C. 17 Mar 1897 - 11 June 1915 d/o F. R. &  
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- s- (HOW), Robert 1908 - 1914
- s- (HOW), Fern 1901 - 1913
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- s- PRESTON, Family stone
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- s- KARSTENS, Alvina C. 1890 - 1977 m 2 Mar 1910  
Ludwig J. 1881 - 1975
- s- COLEMAN, Angeline E. 10 Mar 1857 - 25 May 1917  
A. COLEMAN 21 July 1857
- s- (COLEMAN), Wife
- s- HIGBEE, Edward C. 13 June 1882 age 13y 7m 27d s/o  
D. & A. E. HIGBEE
- s- (HIGBEE), Mother
- s- TEMPLE, Wife 6 Mar 1838 - 25 Oct 1881 w/o B. TEMPLE
- s- LAHL, Family stone
- s- MAASSEN, J. Jacob 1850 - 1879  
Sophia D. H. 1855 - 1923  
John 1852 - 1926  
Nicholaus 1854 - 1923

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- s- (KARSTENS), Maria 1845 - 1925 Mother
- s- (KARSTENS), Thede 1840 - 1920 Father
- s- (KARSTENS), Theodor
- s- (HAMILTON), Minnie SWIFT HAMILTON 3 Aug 1872 - 1964
- s- SWIFT, Charles H. 3 Sept 1851 - 30 Aug 1937  
Olive A. 23 Feb 1853 - 20 Jan 1938
- s- COURTNEY, Lelah A. 1882 - 1972
- s- LAHL, Henry M. 30 Sept 1883 - 29 Jan 1929
- s- LAHL, Lena 16 Dec 1847 - 22 Mar 1924
- s- LAHL, Fritz 21 June 1840 - 10 May 1922
- s- LAHL, Tillie M. 6 Jan 1874 - 15 Apr 1938
- s- (MAASSEN), Uncle
- s- (MAASSEN), Father
- s- (MAASSEN), Mother
- s- (MAASSEN), Father

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- s- GOTTSCH, Johannes 28 June 1858 - 17 Dec 1883 age  
25y 5m 19d
- s- GOTTSCH, Peter 7 July 1811 - 31 Jan 1892 age 81y 6m  
24d Born in Schoneerg, Holstein, Germany  
Silck 19 May 1821 - 16 Mar 1908 age 86y 9m 24d  
Born in Schoneerg, Holstein, Germany
- s- (THIES), Fredrick
- s- THIES, Fredrick 1 July 1885 age 74y 2m 20d Father  
Lena 22 June 1887 age 21y 27d w/o Wm.  
Cathrine 12 Mar 1906 age 84y 19m 8d
- s- (THIES), Catharine

Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **William Thies**  
 Birth Year: **abt 1861**  
 Birth Place: **??Tta**  
 Gender: **Male**  
 Marital Status: **Single**  
 Census Date: **1885**  
 Residence State: **Iowa**  
 Residence County: **Pottawattamie**  
 Locality: **Pleasant**  
 Roll: **IA1885\_254**  
 Line: **3**  
 Family Number: **57**  
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Fred Thies	73
	Cathrina Thies	63
	William Thies	24
	Ida Thies	17
	Julius Hardwig	26

**Source Information:**  
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 This database contains Iowa state censuses for the following years: 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, and 1925. It also includes some head of household censuses and other special censuses from 1836-1897. Information available for an individual will vary according to the census year and the information requested on the census form. Some of the information contained in this database though includes: name, age, gender, race, birthplace, marital status, and place of enumeration. [Learn more...](#)

1880 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>William Thies</b>
Home in 1880:	<b>Pleasant, Pottawattamie, Iowa</b>
Age:	<b>19</b>
Estimated birth year:	<b>abt 1861</b>
Birthplace:	<b>Iowa</b>
Relation to Head of Household:	<b>Son</b>
Father's Name:	<b>Fred</b>
Father's birthplace:	<b>Mecklenburg, Germany</b>
Mother's Name:	<b>Kate</b>
Mother's birthplace:	<b>Mecklenburg, Germany</b>
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>
Occupation:	<b>At Home</b>
Marital Status:	<b>Single</b>
Race:	<b>White</b>
Gender:	<b>Male</b>
Cannot read/write:	
Blind:	<a href="#">View image</a>
Deaf and dumb:	
Otherwise disabled:	
Idiotic or insane:	

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Fred Thies	68
	Kate Thies	59
	William Thies	19
	Ida Thies	13
	Frank Hosack	19

**Source Citation:** Year: 1880; Census Place: Pleasant, Pottawattamie, Iowa; Roll: T9\_361; Family History Film: 1254361; Page: 102.1000; Enumeration District: 184; Image: 0205.

**Source Information:**  
 Ancestry.com and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. 1880 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2005. 1880 U.S. Census Index provided by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints © Copyright 1999 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved. All use is subject to the limited use license and other terms and conditions applicable to this site. Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Tenth Census of the United States, 1880*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1880. T9, 1,454 rolls.

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## 1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **Wm Thies**  
**[Wm Thier]**

Home in 1900: **Knox, Pottawattamie, Iowa**  
**[Pottawattomie, Iowa]**

Age: **39**

Birth Date: **Nov 1860**

Birthplace: **Iowa**

Race: **White**

Ethnicity: **American**

Gender: **Male**

Relationship to Head of House: **Head**

Father's Birthplace: **Germany**

Mother's Birthplace: **Germany**

Marriage Year: **1890**

Marital Status: **Married**

Years Married: **10**

Residence : **Avoca Village, Pottawattamie, Iowa**

Occupation: [View on Image](#)

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Household Members:	Name	Age
	Wm Thies	39

**Source Citation:** Year: 1900; Census Place: Knox, Pottawattamie, Iowa; Roll T623-456; Page: 11B; Enumeration District: 151.

**Source Information:**

Ancestry.com, 1900 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004. Original data: United States of America. Bureau of the Census. *Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1900. T623, 1854 rolls.

**Description:**

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1910 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>William Thies</b>
Age in 1910:	<b>49</b>
Estimated birth year:	<b>abt 1861</b>
Birthplace:	<b>Iowa</b>
Relation to Head of House:	<b>Head</b>
Father's Birth Place:	<b>Germany</b>
Mother's Birth Place:	<b>Germany</b>
Spouse's name:	<b>Amelia</b>
Home in 1910:	<b>Knoz, Pottawattamie, Iowa</b>
Marital Status:	<b>Married</b>
Race:	<b>White</b>
Gender:	<b>Male</b>
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>

Household Members:	Name	Age
	William Thies	49
	Amelia Thies	47
	Alfred Thies	22
	Bertha Thies	14

**Source Citation:** Year: 1910; Census Place: Knoz, Pottawattamie, Iowa; Roll: T624\_420; Page: 5A; Enumeration District: 149; Image: 4375.

**Source Information:**  
 Ancestry.com. 1910 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006. For details on the contents of the film numbers, visit the following NARA web page: NARA Original data: United States of America. Bureau of the Census. *Thirteenth Census of the United States, 1910*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1910. T624. 1,178 rolls.

**Description:**  
 This database is an index to the head of households enumerated in the 1910 United States Federal Census, the Thirteenth Census of the United States. In addition, each indexed name is linked to actual images of the 1910 Federal Census. The information recorded in the census includes: name, relationship to head of family, age at last birthday, sex, color or race, whether single, married, widowed, or divorced, birthplace, birthplace of father and mother, and more. [Learn more...](#)

Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	<b>Wm Thies</b>				
Birth Year:	<b>abt 1861</b>				
Birth Place:	<b>Iowa</b>				
Gender:	<b>Male</b>				
Race:	<b>White</b>				
Marital Status:	<b>Married</b>				
Census Date:	<b>1915</b>				
Residence State:	<b>Iowa</b>				
Residence County:	<b>Pottawattamie</b>				
Locality:	<b>Pleasant</b>				
Mother's Birthplace:	<b>Germany</b>				
Father's Birthplace:	<b>Germany</b>				
Roll:	<b>IA1915_426</b>				
Line:	<b>442</b>				
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>				
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Wm Thies	<b>54</b>				

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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.

**Description:**

This database contains Iowa state censuses for the following years: 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, and 1925. It also includes some head of household censuses and other special censuses from 1836-1897. Information available for an individual will vary according to the census year and the information requested on the census form. Some of the information contained in this database though includes: name, age, gender, race, birthplace, marital status, and place of enumeration. [Learn more...](#)

1920 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>William Thiea</b> <b>[William Thies]</b>						
Home in 1920:	<b>Knox, Pottawattamie, Iowa</b>						
Age:	<b>59 years</b>						
Estimated birth year:	<b>abt 1861</b>						
Birthplace:	<b>Iowa</b>						
Relation to Head of House:	<b>Head</b>						
Spouse's name:	<b>Amelia</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>1116</b>						
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>						
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Amelia Thiea	<b>57</b>						

**Source Citation:** Year: 1920; Census Place: Knox, Pottawattamie, Iowa; Roll: T625\_510; Page: 144; Enumeration District: 166; Image: 1116.

**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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PERSONAL INFORMATION

**William Thies**

**Born:** 18 Nov 1860  
LeClaire, Scott, Iowa, USA

**Died:** *4 July 1948 Avoca, Iowa*

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Frederick Thies

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Spouse 1

[Lena Horst](#)

**Born:** abt 1866 in Avoca, [county], Iowa, USA  
**Died:** 22 Jun 1887 in Avoca, [county], Iowa, USA

**Marriage:** 19 Jan 1886 in Avoca, [county], Iowa, USA

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Children

[William Alfred Thies](#)

Sex	Birth
M	17 Jun 1887

Spouse 2

[Amelia Sievers](#)

**Born:** 27 Sep 1862 in Davenport, [county], Iowa, USA  
**Died:** 31 Dec 1929 in Avoca, [county], Iowa, USA

**Marriage:** 30 Apr 1890 in Avoca, [county], Iowa, USA

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Children

[Clarence Roscoe Thies](#)

Sex	Birth
M	22 Mar 1891 in Avoca, [county], Iowa, USA

[Bertha Amalia Thies](#)

F	24 Dec 1895 in Avoca, [county], Iowa, USA
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[Ada Catherine Thies](#)

F	14 Jul 1899 in Avoca, [county], Iowa, USA
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18 Nov  
**Birth**  
LeClaire, Scott County, Iowa  
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- 1886**  
19 Jan  
Age: 25  
**Marriage to Lena Horst**  
Avoca, Pottawattamie, Iowa, USA  
Footnote: Brøderbund WFT Vol. 1, Ed. 1, Tree #3448,  
Date of Import: May 28, 1996
- 1890**  
30 Apr  
Age: 29  
**Marriage to Amelia Sievers**  
Avoca, Pottawattamie, Iowa, USA  
Footnote: Brøderbund WFT Vol. 1, Ed. 1, Tree #3448,  
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- 1902**  
Age: 42  
**Death**  
BET 1902 AND 1951  
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- Frederick Thies**  
1810 - 1884
- Catherine Schroeder**  
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- Lena Horst**  
1866 - 1887
- William Alfred Thies**  
1887 - 1969

##### Other Spouse & Children

- Amelia Sievers**  
1862 - 1929
- Clarence Roscoe Thies**  
1891 - 1893
- Bertha Amalia Thies**  
1895 - 1971
- Ada Catherine Thies**  
1899 - 1907

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