

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Thordson, Harold A. Senator Thordson,
Harold A. - Represents Scott County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 25 Sept 1907 Davenport, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

① Rosa Anderson 1938 Davenport, Iowa

② Ruby Carolyn McKinney 1964 Davenport, Iowa

③ Cathleen Bertlow 1994 Davenport, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Country Club; Mason; Elks Club; Moose;
Shriners

C. Profession Real estate broker; Davenport Police Department supervisor;
for 18 years; Chief of Detectives for Davenport Police Department

4. Church membership First Christian - Disciple of Christ

5. Sessions served 62nd General Assembly 1967 - House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 63rd, 64th General Assemblies 1969-1970; 1971-1972

A. Local Warmer Davenport Chief of Detectives; Davenport Alderman -
at large for 6 years

B. State Past president of Iowa Chiefs of Police Association

C. National He was the first Davenport police officer to attend the FBI's
National Police Academy in Washington, D.C.

7. Death 8 Nov 1999 Davenport, Iowa; Oremsted

8. Children Jerry; James; Pat (Mrs. Simons); Nadine (Mrs. Palmer);
Nancy (Mrs. Pike)

9. Names of parents Jess C. and Hazel D. (Wade) Thordson

Thordson, Harold A.

10. Education He was educated and graduated from the
Davenport, Iowa schools

11. Degrees He attended Berwon's Business College

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Military service - World War II - served 3 years as FBI agent on
subversive activities. U. S. Navy peacetime veteran
- He played a key role in creating Iowa's First Law
Enforcement Academy at Des Moines, Iowa
- He organized the first Davenport police detective bureau
- After his return from police work, he and his wife owned and operated
a Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin resort for 4 years.

Hobson, Harold A.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
And Official Register 1971-1972, p. 50			
- Death notice -			Des Moines Register, Des Moines, Iowa Fri. Nov 12, 1999, p. 7M, col. 4
- arresty.com (accessed 2 Jan 2010)			
- Obituary -			The Iowa City Times, Iowa City, Iowa Thurs. Nov 11, 1999, p. 7A, col. 5

Harold 'Babe' Thordsen, 92

DAVENPORT — Services for Harold A. "Babe" Thordsen, 92, of Davenport, will be 10 a.m. Friday at First Christian Church-Disciples of Christ, Davenport. Burial will be in Davenport Memorial Park, with members of the Davenport Police Department serving as Honor Guard.

Visitation is 6-8 p.m. today at Runge Mortuary, Davenport.

Mr. Thordsen died Monday, Nov. 8, 1999, at Grandview Terrace, Davenport.



Mr. Thordsen

He joined the Davenport Police Department in the 1930s, where he worked for more than 18 years. He was one of the organizers of the first Davenport police detective bureau and also of the first Dad's Club (at Monroe School), serving as its first president. He was the first Davenport police officer to attend the FBI's National Police Academy in Washington, D.C. When he graduated in 1942, Mr. Thordsen personally received his diploma from J. Edgar Hoover. Mr. Thordsen was chief of detectives for the Davenport Police Department.

As a state legislator in the early 1970s, he was chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee and largely responsible for creation of Iowa's first Law Enforcement Academy in Des Moines. He also played a key role in introducing a bill in the Iowa legislature to legalize bingo. After leaving the Iowa Legislature, Babe and his wife owned and operated a Wisconsin Dells, Wis., resort for four years. Mr. Thordsen also worked as a real estate broker

for Mel Foster Co., Davenport, for more than nine years.

He was born Sept. 25, 1907, in Davenport, to Jess and Hazel (Wade) Thordsen. He married Reva Ashcraft in 1928 in Davenport. She died in 1964. He then married Ruby McKinney in 1964 in Davenport. She died in 1990. He married Carolyn Bertram in 1994 in Bondurant, Iowa.

During World War II, he served in the Navy.

Mr. Thordsen played pro football with the Moline Indians for four seasons and founded and was past president of the Davenport Alumni Diamond Ball Association.

Memorials may be made to First Christian Church, Davenport; Royal Neighbors of America; or Davenport Police Retirement Fund. Pallbearers include Charles Palmer, Ann Woods, Sarah Misener, Joe Arnold, Dustin Simms, Daniel Simms, Forest Ashcraft, James McKinney, Bud Murray and Sherman Weber.

Survivors include his wife; sons and daughters-in-law, the Rev. Jerry and Vicki Thordsen, Bondurant, Jim and Marsha McKinney, Eldridge, Iowa, and Lt. Col. Joseph and Ann Arnold, Price George, Va.; a daughter, Pat (Thordsen) Simms, Madison, Wis.; daughters and sons-in-law, Nadine and Charles Palmer, Peoria, Ill., and Nancy and Ronald Pike, Waynesboro, Pa.; 24 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Marsha Bogue, Tucson, Ariz., and Honey Weber, Davenport; and several nieces and nephews.

He also was preceded in death by a brother, Kelly Thordsen; a granddaughter; and three great-grandchildren.

Moline

Ireta Maddalozzo

MOLINE — Ireta E. Maddalozzo,

Hillsdale

Leland Riewerts

HILLSDALE, Ill. — Services for

Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection, 1800-1900. Digitized by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa.

Moines Asphalt Co. and a member of the Teamsters and Northside Senior Citizens Center. He served in the Navy during World War II and was a former volunteer fireman in Lovilia.

He is survived by his wife, Martha line; a daughter, Kay Hollen of Des Moines; two sons, Daryll of Waukee and Russ of Norwalk; a brother, Clarence of Lovilia; 19 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

KATHERINE STEVENS

Mitchellville

Katherine Marie Stevens, 85, of Mitchellville died of a blood clot to the heart Wednesday at Mitchell Village Care Center there, where she had lived since 1997. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waterloo, with burial at St. John's Cemetery in Independence.

Mrs. Stevens was born in Independence and had lived in Waterloo most of her life. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are a daughter, Nancy Huber of Ankeny; two sisters, Bette Greco of Oelwein and Dorothy Ketchman of Cheyenne, Wyo.; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Hagarty-Waychoff-Grarup Funeral Service in Waterloo, where a rosary will be recited at 4 p.m. and a vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue an hour before services Saturday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's research.

GAIL GROVES

Jewell

Gail Hubert Groves, 91, of Jewell died of Alzheimer's disease Tuesday at Hubbard Care Center in Hubbard. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Federated United Church of Christ in Jewell, of which he was a member. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery there.

Mr. Groves was born near Jewell and had lived in the area most of his life. He was a retired farmer.

Surviving are his wife, Eleanor of Ames; a stepson, Donald Drewes of Raleigh, N.C.; a sister, Gladys Hanson of Jewell; two step-grandchildren; and a step-great-grandchild.

Friends may call one hour prior to services Saturday at the church. Becker Funeral Home in Jewell is

MARJORIE KAHLER

Des Moines

Marjorie Dawn Kahler, 85, of Heather Manor died of complications of Alzheimer's disease Wednesday at Iowa Lutheran Hospital. The body was cremated, and memorial services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Hamilton's Funeral Home. Burial of the cremains will be at a later date in New Providence.

Mrs. Kahler was born in Pilot Mound and had lived in Des Moines since 1930. She was a retired legal secretary with the law firm of Brown, Piper and Wallace and a member of First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by two sisters, Patricia McNeer of Codene, Ala., and Helen Polley of Des Moines.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Central Iowa.

IOWA DEATHS

Harold A. "Babe" Thordson, 92, a former state legislator and chief of detectives with the Davenport Police Department who played a key role in creating Iowa's First Law Enforcement Academy in Des Moines, died of a heart ailment Monday at Grandview Terrace in Davenport. Services will be at 10 a.m. today at First Christian Church-Disciples of Christ there. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; three sons, Jerry of Bondurant, Jim McKinney of Eldridge and Joseph Arnold of Prince George, Va.; three daughters, Pat Simms of Madison, Wis., Nadine Palmer of Peoria, Ill.; and Nancy Pike of Waynesboro, Pa.; two sisters, Marsha Bogue of Tucson, Ariz., and Honey Weber of Davenport; 24 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. Runge Mortuary and Crematory in Davenport is handling arrangements.

ALGONA — Clinton Cushman, 26; Louis W. Nitchals, 82; Laura Becker, 88; John B. Wilson, 91; Marie M. Lampnght, 103.

ALTA — JoAnna Vidlack, 55.

ARCADIA — Lorne Steinkamp, 67.

BANCROFT — Clem Brandenburg, 79.

BAXTER — Marguerite Allspach, 77; Lucile Southern, 89.

BOONE — Marsha Ames, 62; Christopher Cunningham, 27; Irene Dawdy, 86; Harold Holbrook, 80; Marcelyn Holmes, 69; Ruth Howard, 97; Bruce Johnson, 73; Viola McGlynn, 81; Leanne Senholz, 90.

BROOKLYN — Mildred Reemers, 84.

BUFFALO CENTER — James R. Murray, 75.

CAMANACHE — Patti J. Goddard, 36.

CARROLL — Laura B. Barnett, 82; Ena G. Jansen, 90; Dorothy J. Wohlenberg, 93; Roger A. Trachsel, 50; Aven O. Vinke, 85; Leola Snyder, 79; John V. Schaefer, 78; Joy A. Johnson, 73; Donald L. Finch, 74; Gertrude

today at the funeral chapel.

LANIS "LANNY" WRIGHT

Kotzebue, Alaska

Lanis D. "Lanny" Wright, Kotzebue, Alaska, died of a attack Oct. 16 at home. Memorial services were held Oct. 21 at a green Memorial Chapel in Kotzebue, Alaska. Burial was at Fort Richardson National Cemetery there.

Mr. Wright was born in Boulder, Colo., and had lived in the Des Moines area most of his life, moving to Alaska in 1992. He was a mechanic with the city of Kotzebue and an Air Force veteran.

A sister, De Maris Swisher zebue, survives.

DES MOINES BIRTHS

IOWA LUTHERAN HOSPITAL

COWLES — Tonya Downen Cowles of Des Moines, a son, Wednesday.

DUNPHY — Brenda Lee and Terry Perry, a son, Wednesday.

SPAULDING — Larissa and Tonya, a daughter, Wednesday.

MERCY MEDICAL CENTER

BEATY — Judith and James of Des Moines, a daughter, Wednesday.

BYERLY — Kelly Ratkay-Byerly and Daniel Byerly of Des Moines, a son, Wednesday.

HIBBARD — Tammy and John of Des Moines, a son, Thursday.

HOBBS — Jennifer and Troy of Des Moines, a son, Thursday.

MITCHELL — Joanne and Dick of Des Moines, a son, Thursday.

PETERSON — DeAnne and Brian of Des Moines, a daughter, Thursday.

RILEY — Carla and Ronald of Des Moines, a daughter, Wednesday.

SWBONI — Ricki and Justin of Des Moines, a daughter, Wednesday.

TUTOR — Sheila and Darrin of Keosauqua, a son, Thursday.

MARRIAGES

The following people applied for marriage licenses from the Polk County recorder's office:

Michael Alan Bryan, 31, and Kimi Hanson, 31, both of Norwalk.

Nicholas Charles Crandall, 38, and Alexandrosna Yechina, 23, both of Des Moines.

Floyd David Easley, 48, of Des Moines, and Denise Margaret Hathaway, 41, of Des Moines.

Bernard Kipkurgat Murgor, 23, of Des Moines, and Paula Lillian Brook, 23, of Des Moines.

David Allen Rice, 39, and Peggy S, 40, both of Des Moines.

Emmanuel Wasia Serckpor, 27, and Rachelle Harris, 24, both of Des Moines.

David Allen Rice, 39, and Peggy S, 40, both of Des Moines.

Curry, 19, both of Des Moines.

Adam Malloy, 21, and Roberta Ha



You searched for **Harold A. Thordsen** in **Iowa**

1920 United States Federal Census

Name: **Harold A Thordsen**

Home in 1920: **Rockingham, Scott, Iowa**

Age: **12 years**

Estimated birth year: **abt 1908**

Birthplace: **Iowa**

Relation to Head of House: **Son**

Father's Name: **Jess C**

Father's Birth Place: **Germany**

Mother's Name: **Hazel D**

Mother's Birth Place: **Iowa**

Marital Status: **Single**

Race: **White**

Sex: **Male**

Able to read: **Yes**

Able to Write: **Yes**

Image: **323**

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Jess C Thordsen	33
	Hazel D Thordsen	29
	Harold A Thordsen	12
	Rose E Thordsen	8
	Jess S Thordsen	2
		11/12
	Robert G Thordsen	1
		2/12
	Amy McGee	29

Source Citation: Year: 1920; Census Place: Rockingham, Scott, Iowa; Roll: T625_512; Page: 7A; Enumeration District: 185; Image: 323.

Source Information:

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

For details on the contents of the film numbers, visit the following NARA web page: [NARA](#).

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...](#)



You searched for **Harold A. Thordsen** in **Iowa**

Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	Harold A Thordsen	
Birth Year:	abt 1908	
Birth Place:	Iowa	
Gender:	Male	
Race:	White	
Marital Status:	Single	
Census Date:	1 Jan 1925	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Scott	
Locality:	Davenport Ward 4	
Relation to Head:	Son	
Mother:	Hazel Wade [Hazel D Thordsen]	
Mother's Birth Year:	abt 1890	
Mother's Birthplace:	Iowa	
Father:	Jesse Thordsen [Jesse C Thordsen]	
Father's Birth Year:	abt 1887	
Father's Birthplace:	Germany	
Marriage Place:	Davenport, Iowa	
Roll:	IA1925_1936	
Line:	26	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Jesse C Thordsen	38
	Hazel D Thordsen	35
	Harold A Thordsen	17
	Evelyn R Thordsen	14
	Sherman J Thordsen	8
	Myrtle A Thordsen	3

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.

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...](#)



You searched for **Harold A. Thordsen** in **Iowa**

1930 United States Federal Census

Name:	Harold A Thordsen	
Home in 1930:	Moline, Rock Island, Illinois	
	View Map	
Age:	22	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1908	
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Relation to Head of House:	Head	
Spouse's name:	Riva M	
Race:	White	
Occupation:		
Education:		
Military service:	View image	
Rent/home value:		
Age at first marriage:		
Parents' birthplace:		
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Harold A Thordsen	22
	Riva M Thordsen	22

Source Citation: Year: 1930; Census Place: Moline, Rock Island, Illinois; Roll: 552; Page: 38; Enumeration District: 54; Image: 1132.0.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1930 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2002. Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1930. T626, 2,667 rolls.

Description:

Containing records for approximately 123 million Americans, the 1930 United States Federal Census is the largest census released to date and is the most recent census available for public access. The census gives us a glimpse into the lives of Americans in 1930, and contains information about a household's family members and occupants including: birthplaces, occupations, immigration, citizenship, and military service. The names of those listed in the census are linked to actual images of the 1930 Census. [Learn more...](#)

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 Harold THORSEN

Birth Date: 25 Sep 1907
Death Date: 8 Nov 1999
Social Security Number: 485-24-3714
State or Territory Where Number Was Issued: Iowa

Death Residence Localities

ZIP Code: 53717
Localities: Madison, Dane, Wisconsin

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