

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

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

Served from Lyon County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 18 Sept 1863 Laverport, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Meta Knelpew 19 Feb 1891 Scott County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Secretary of the General Farmers Mutual Insurance Company

B. Civic responsibilities Knights of Pythias

C. Profession Farmer; insurance agent

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 36<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1915

6. Public Offices

A. Local Township assessor; school board president; township clerk

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

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

7. Death 13 Jul 1937 Rock Rapids, Iowa; Laurel Riverview Cemetery, Rock Rapids, Iowa

8. Children Stella (Mrs. Hill Schumpf); Mahinda (Mrs. James Hohlere); Amanda (Mrs. Albert Schammel); Esther (Mrs. Fred Schumpf); William J.

9. Names of parents Frederick Henry and Dorothea (Hrelke) Aldenburger

Oldenburg, William

10. Education Educated in public schools of Scott  
County, Iowa

11. Degrees Attended Duncans Business College, Davenport,  
Iowa graduating 7 Nov 1883

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- 1887-1888 - lumber business at Sennett, Nebraska
- Remained in Scott County for 3 years after marriage
- Came to Lyon County in spring 1894
- Purchased a farm in Logan Twp
- 1915 - retired from the farm, moving into Rock Rapids
- Wife, Meta, died 24 Jan 1956







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**William Oldenburg** of Rock Rapids died suddenly at his home July 13th of a heart attack. Mr. Oldenburg had been down town in the afternoon and when he returned home he ate lunch with Mrs. Oldenburg and a number of visitors after which he retired to the porch to smoke. Shortly after the ladies went out to look at the flower garden and they immediately noticed that Mr. Oldenburg was in distress. A physician was called but he died before medical aid reached him. Mr. Oldenburg is well known throughout this section of the country as for many years he served as secretary of the German Farmers' Mutual Insurance company. For the past two or three years he had been in failing health and had retired from active work. He was 73 years old and is survived by his wife and five children.

James Davis, 55, an Indian from the Winnebago Mission station at Winnebago, Neb., died as the result of an accident in the railroad yards in Sioux Center the night of July 8th. His body was found the following morning by a Great Northern road inspector. The inspector first saw a leg and part of a hand between the tracks and the body was found in the weeds some distance from the track where the Indian had evidently crawled. Just how the accident happened is not known but the supposition is that when the Indian attempted to get back into the box car as the train was pulling out he missed his hold and fell, with one leg under the wheels. He died from the loss of blood. It appears as though Davis was under the influence of liquor as a bottle with liquor in it was found nearby. Another fact substantiating this theory is that another Winnebago Indian was arrested in Sioux Center that night because he was intoxicated. Before the officers had learned of the fate of Davis they had released the other Indian. Mr. Davis was indentified by a registration card found on his body. A son of Davis and an undertaker from Winnebago came after the body. According to the other Indian they were on their way to Rock Rapids in search of employment. The Winnebago Mission station is supported by the Reformed churches. Davis is survived by his wife and five children.

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HISTORY  
REMINISCENCE AND BIOGRAPHY  
OF  
LYON COUNTY, IOWA

Embracing a Concise History of the County, with a Review of its Early Settlement, Organization, Growth and Development, together with Reminiscences of Early Settlers and Prominent Men; also Biographical Sketches of Hundreds of Prominent Old Settlers and Representative Citizens with a Review of their Life Work, their Identity with the Growth and Development of the County, Reminiscences of Personal History and Pioneer Life, and Other Interesting and Valuable Matter which Should be Preserved in History.

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Politically, Mr. Sindt cast his first vote for Rutherford B. Hayes, but changed his affiliations at the time General Garfield was a candidate and since then has voted the Democratic ticket. The most of the time he has been here he has served on the school board, being at present treasurer. Other local positions have been filled by him, and he is always actively interested in town and county affairs. The family are all reared in the Lutheran faith. Both husband and wife are bright and progressive people, and have all the modern devices in the home and on the farm with which to facilitate work and make life less a burden.

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#### WILLIAM OLDENBURG.

William Oldenburg, who has been a resident of Logan township, Lyon county, for nearly a dozen years, and in that time has demonstrated his own ability as a farmer and his standing as a man and a citizen, was born in Davenport, Iowa, September 18, 1863. Frederick Oldenburg, his father, was a farmer; who was born in Germany and came to America in 1857 a single man. William was the third member of a family of eight children, and grew up on the farm near the city of Daven-

port, where he had plenty of hard work, and finished his education after passing through the common school, at the Duncan Business College.

William Oldenburg spent some time on the farm after completing his business course, and in 1887-1888 spent the most of his time in Nebraska, having a large lumber yard at Bennington in that state.

Mr. Oldenburg and Miss Meta Kuelper were married in 1891. She was a native of Scott county, Iowa, while her father, Fritz Kuelper, was a farmer and a native of Germany. To this union were born: Stella, Malinda, Esther, Wilbur and Amanda. Mr. Oldenburg had returned from Nebraska and been a resident of Scott county three years before his marriage; he remained in that county for three years after that event, and in the spring of 1904 came to Lyon county where he bought his present farm in section 23, Logan township, which he has greatly improved. His house has the following dimensions: 16 by 28, 16 by 20, and 12 by 12 feet; the barn and granary is 40 by 50 feet; there are corn cribs, a chicken house, a hog house, and generally a complete set of buildings for the farm requirements. The farm grove is thrifty, and a young orchard, mainly of apple, cherries and plum trees is coming forward rapidly. The



WILLIAM OLDENBURG.

farm now comprises one-half the section, and is considered one of the most desirable in the county. Mr. Oldenburg is a prominent citizen of the county, has been assessor of the township for six years, and is now president of the school board. On another page of this volume will be found a portrait of Mr. Oldenburg.

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MATTHEW M. WHEATLY.

Matthew M. Wheatly, a resident of Elgin township, Lyon county, and the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres in section 29, is a native of Yorkshire, England, where he was born August 28, 1855, the fifth member of a family of twelve children born to Charles and Mary (Middlewood) Wheatly. Seven members of this large and interesting family are now living.

The subject of this writing was born on an estate that had been in the hands of the Wheatly family for more than two hundred years. His mother had spent several years of her girlhood in this country and her accounts of its possibilities made him leave England while he was still under age. He arrived at Quebec, June 18, 1876, and made his way to Lapeer, Michigan,

where he found employment for a short time on a farm, and though he was a good engineer, he decided that in the new world he would be a farmer. In 1883 he came to Lyon county, where he purchased the farm he now owns, paying for it the very modest price of \$18 per acre. Here he settled with his family the following spring, and in the twenty years intervening has won his standing as a keen and intelligent farmer and a successful stockman. He has done not a little to improve the grade of cattle handled by Lyon county farmers and owned one of the first full-blood Galloways in the county. He has also devoted much attention to the culture of Shropshire sheep.

For twelve years Mr. Wheatly has been justice of the peace and has long been actively interested in local politics, having served two years as town trustee. In school matters he is progressive, and believes in surrounding the children with the best educational advantages that money can command. He is a Republican, is a Methodist, and belongs to the Modern Brotherhood of America. He attends the county convention regularly.

Mr. Wheatly was married in 1876 to Miss Emily Morton, a native of Lincolnshire, and to their union have come seven children: Edith, now the wife of E. K. Yonker, a farmer in South

Lyon  
Outline of Personal History of William Oldenberg,  
Rep. 99 D RESIDENCE Alvord, Ia.

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

Successful R-36 job

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 Oldenberg
2. Chief occupation or profession farmer
3. Former occupation or profession \_\_\_\_\_
4. Date and place of beginning each \_\_\_\_\_
5. Present residence address Alvord Iowa P.O. #1
6. Present business address \_\_\_\_\_
7. Date of birth Sept. 18th 1863
8. Place of birth Davenport Iowa
9. If born abroad, where \_\_\_\_\_
10. Emigrated to America, when \_\_\_\_\_
11. First migrated to what state and county, whether born abroad or in America \_\_\_\_\_
12. Emigrated the second time to what state or county \_\_\_\_\_
13. Further emigration, if any \_\_\_\_\_
14. Education. Give name and location of rural, high, business or technical school, college or university  
Rural School Davenport Iowa  
Business College Davenport Ia
15. Date of graduation and degree if any March 17th 1883

- 16. Place of death .....
- 17. Date of death .....
- 18. Place of burial .....
- 19. Name of father in full (all names) .....
- 20. Occupation of father .....
- 21. Full Maiden name of mother (all names) .....
- 22. Residence when married .....
- 23. Military service, if any (exact dates) .....

- 24. Political offices, (from the smallest to the largest, with dates) .....
- 25. Director or trustee of financial, religious and educational institutions .....

- 26. Politics *Democrat*
- 27. Religious denomination if any *non-affiliated*
- 28. Religious preference if non-affiliated with a denomination *Lutherans*

- 29. Member of what societies or associations of learning *none*
- 30. Member of what secret organizations, with honors or offices held, with dates *Knights of Pythias*  
*Vice C. of C. 6-08 P. of E. 9-10-11-12-13-14*  
*Sons of Hermann since then*
- 31. Member of what clubs if any .....
- 32. Belonged to what firms (give names in full and dates if possible) .....

- 33. Officer or director in any corporation *Farmers Elevator Co.*
- 34. Enclose business card if possible .....
- 35. Enclose photograph and autograph .....

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

37. Miscellaneous



### FAMILY HISTORY

- 1. To whom married *Mrs. M. S. Suelper*
- 2. Date of marriage *Feb. 10th 1894*
- 3. Place of marriage *Scott Co. Iowa*
- 4. Date of his or her birth *Oct. 21st. 1865*
- 5. Place of his or her birth *Scott Co. Iowa*
- 6. Religious denomination *Lutheran*
- 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 *Friedrich Oldenburg*
- 11. Born where and when *Dec. 31st. 1821 Germany*
- 12. Occupation of his or her father *Carpenter & farmer*
- 13. His or her mother's full name *Dorothea Weillke*
- 14. Born when and where *Jan 23rd 1837 Germany*
- 15. Parents' residence at time of their marriage *Davenport Iowa*
- 16. Miscellaneous remarks on their family

SIGNATURE

DATE

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 *Wm. Oldenburg* AND *Mrs. Elizabeth Oldenburg*

NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	PLACE OF DEATH	DATE	MARRIED TO WHOM	WHERE	DATE
<i>Stella D</i>	<i>Wt Co. Ia.</i>	<i>Feb 11 1892</i>	—	—	<i>Wm C. Tracy</i>	<i>Lyon Co.</i>	<i>Jan Feb 1890</i>
<i>Mildred C</i>	<i>Wt Co. Ia.</i>	<i>Nov 6 1895</i>	—	—	<i>single</i>	—	—
<i>Esther Y</i>	<i>Lyon Co. Ia.</i>	<i>11 27 95</i>	—	—	"	—	—
<i>Stella</i>	<i>Lyon Co. Ia.</i>	<i>4/16/1900</i>	—	—	"	—	—
<i>Maranda</i>	" " "	<i>9/25/1902</i>	—	—	"	—	—

CHILDREN OF .....

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

SIGNATURE *Wm. Oldenburg*  
 DATE *Aug 5th 1910*

STATE OF IOWA  
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**Journal of the House**  
OF THE  
**Forty-eighth General Assembly**

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CONVENED JANUARY 9, 1939  
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BOURKE B. HICKENLOOPER, President of the Senate  
JOHN R. IRWIN, Speaker of the House

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*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-eighth General Assembly, That the state has lost a valued and beloved citizen, and the House of Representatives would tender, by this resolution, its sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his beloved family in their 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.*

W. C. AXMEAR,  
F. E. HYETT,  
MELVIN WILSON,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted, April 12, 1939.

#### HONORABLE WILLIAM OLDENBURG

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public services of the Honorable William Oldenburg, a former member of the General Assembly of Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

William Oldenburg died at Rock Rapids, Iowa, July 13, 1937 at the age of 74 years.

He was born in Davenport, Iowa, September 18, 1863. Educated in the public schools of the county, he later took a business course in Duncan Business College. In 1891, he married Miss Meta Kuelper, of Scott county. To this union were born five children, Mrs. Malinda Wohlers, Mrs. Stella Schnepf, Mrs. Esther Schnepf, Mrs. Amanda Schemmel, and Wilbur Oldenburg.

In 1915 Mr. and Mrs. Oldenburg retired from the farm and moved to Rock Rapids, Iowa. For many years he served as secretary of the German Farmer's Mutual Insurance Company, besides doing a general insurance business. He served Lyon county in the State Legislature during the Thirty-sixth General Assembly in 1915.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-eighth General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable William Oldenburg, the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen, and the House would tender, by this resolution, its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family in their sorrow, and*

*Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to send an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.*

J. T. DYKHOUSE,  
M. D. VAN OOSTERHOUT,  
W. A. YAGER,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted, April 12, 1939.

# IGI Individual Record

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**William Oldenburg**[Pedigree](#)Male

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**Event(s):****Birth:** 18 SEP 1863 , , Iowa**Christening:****Death:** 13 JUL 1937 Rock Rapids, Lyon, Iowa**Burial:**

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**Parents:****Father:** [Frederick Henry Oldenburg](#)[Family](#)**Mother:** [Dorothea Woelk](#)

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**William Fredrick OLDENBURG (AFN: 3HN1-W0)****Sex:** M[Pedigree](#)[Family](#)

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**Event(s)****Birth:** 18 Sep 1863  
    , Scott, Ia**Death:** 13 Jul 1937  
    Rock Rapids, Lion, Ia

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**Parents**

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**Marriage(s)****Spouse:** [Meta KUELPER \(AFN: 3HN1-X5\)](#)[Family](#)**Marriage:** 19 Feb 1891  
    , Scott, Ia

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 Death **13 Jul 1937** in [Rock Rapids, Lyon, Iowa, USA](#)

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1863 18 Sep	<a href="#">Birth</a> Davenport, Scott, Iowa, USA	<a href="#">6 source citations</a>
1870 Age: 7	<a href="#">Residence</a> Davenport, Scott, Iowa	<a href="#">1 source citation</a>
1880 Age: 17	<a href="#">Residence</a> Davenport, Scott, Iowa, United States	<a href="#">1 source citation</a>
1891 18 Feb Age: 27	<a href="#">Marriage to Meta Kuelper</a>	<a href="#">1 source citation</a>
1900 Age: 37	<a href="#">Residence</a> Cleveland & Logan Townships, Lyon, Iowa	<a href="#">1 source citation</a>
1910 Age: 47	<a href="#">Residence</a> Logan, Lyon, Iowa	<a href="#">1 source citation</a>
1920 Age: 57	<a href="#">Residence</a> Rock, Lyon, Iowa	<a href="#">1 source citation</a>
1930 Age: 67	<a href="#">Residence</a> Rock Rapids, Lyon, Iowa	<a href="#">1 source citation</a>
1937 13 Jul Age: 73	<a href="#">Death</a> Rock Rapids, Lyon, Iowa, USA	

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Family Members

Parents

- [Frederick Oldenburg](#)  
1825 -
  - [Dorothea Woelk](#)  
1837 -
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Spouse & Children

- [Meta Kuelper](#)  
1866 - 1956
- [Stella Dorothea Oldenburg](#)  
1892 - 1978
- [Melinda Hilda Oldenburg](#)  
1893 - 1942
- [Esther Vesta Oldenburg](#)  
1895 - 1975
- [Wilber Frederick Oldenburg](#)  
1900 - 1966
- [Amanda Amelia Oldenburg](#)  
1902 - 1984

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Source Information

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- 1870 United States Federal Census  
 1 citation provides evidence for **Residence, Name, Birth**
- 1880 United States Federal Census  
 1 citation provides evidence for **Birth, Name, Residence**
- 1900 United States Federal Census  
 1 citation provides evidence for **Residence, Marriage, Name, Birth**
- 1910 United States Federal Census  
 1 citation provides evidence for **Birth, Name, Residence**
- 1920 United States Federal Census  
 1 citation provides evidence for **Name, Residence, Birth**
- 1930 United States Federal Census  
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**Death:** 1937

**Inscription:**  
Father

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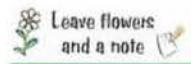


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