

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Thomas  
Charles H. - Represented Decatur, Ringgold and Union counties

1. Birthday and place 29 Sept 1860 - Roseville, Warren County, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Jemima J. Brown 7 Sept 1886 Cromwell, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Served as secretary of Iowa County Central Republican committee; banker at Creston, Iowa; senior member of the Creston Hardware Company.

B. Civic responsibilities IOOF; Modern Woodmen of the World; Elks; Kiwanis; Woodmen of the World; Creston Country Club

C. Profession Merchant; farmer; horse and lumber business; Lumber

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 35<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1913 and 1915

6. Public Offices

A. Local President of the Kent Iowa school board; Iowa legislator; Postmaster at Creston when he died; city alderman

B. State Frequent delegate to Republican state conventions; member of the Agricultural Board Education

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

7. Death 10 Apr 1927 Creston, Iowa; buried Cromwell Cemetery, Cromwell, Iowa

8. Children Hobart McKinley Mugh; Carnot Hamilton; Grace (Mrs. J. P. Bunker)  
died circa 1925

9. Names of parents Matthew H. and Emeline (Baborn) Thomas

10. Education He completed his education in the Cromwell, Iowa  
Public Schools.

11. Degrees Monmouth College, Monmouth Illinois

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He moved with his parents to Union County, Iowa in 1876 to farm.
- At age 20 he left the family farm and worked in the mercantile  
business for the remainder of his life. He sold lumber and hardware.
- He went into banking at Keokuk, Iowa
- He moved to Creston, Iowa in 1916
- His wife, Jennie L. born 26 May 1865 Madisonville, Illinois, died  
31 Aug 1944, Cromwell, Iowa, also buried in Cromwell Cemetery, Cromwell, Iowa.
- His mother was related to President Zachary Taylor.



# School Roll Includes 15

School students who the "honor roll" weeks of the second school year were announced by C. T. Peelhaver, principal. Students averaging A for term are included on A is the highest the high school. the six weeks are the tenth and each having five roll of honor during. Four members of are included in seventh grade has a honor roll. les averaged A for de: Eula Clem, Elizabeth Quacken Sanders, all of the na Vanscoy, Lola La. Eugene Pat. Wood, of the y McDonough of ide and Dorothy Burns, Carrie Schultz and Laura for class.

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# CHARLES H. THOMAS, PIONEER OF COUNTY, DIES; ILL TWO YEARS

## Both Houses To Vote Today On Bank Bills

State House, Des Moines, April 11.—(P)—The house of representatives by vote of 46 to 36 today killed the special house banking committee bill setting up a \$3,000,000 bank stabilization fund.

State House, Des Moines, April 11.—(P)—The state senate this afternoon took up its bank committee bill designed to stabilize banks through closer supervision by the state banking department, while the house continued consideration of the bank depositors' insurance measure based upon a stabilization fund of \$3,000,000.

Both houses expected to reach a vote during the afternoon on their respective measures.

The senate bill included the district banking association plan advocated by Governor Hammill and the Iowa Bankers' association; provides for a doubling of the number of bank examiners; raises capitalization requirements; prohibits dividends until a 20 percent surplus is established; limits all interest payments to four percent; requires a secondary reserve of 10 percent, and calls for financial statements from borrowers of more than \$500.

The house bill proposes to establish the revolving fund through an assessment against the banks, the depositors and a tax refund to the banks which would make the state a participant in the plan. The fund would be used by the banking department in aiding embarrassed institutions and continuing their operation without a receiver. The full control of a bank in that sta-

Charles H. Thomas, 44 years old, one of the most widely known business men of Union county, and for many years a republican leader of the district, died at 11:45 Sunday morning at the family home, 204 North Broadway street. Death was caused by heart disease and complications.

Although seriously ill and confined to his home for only a few weeks, Mr. Thomas had been in failing health two years.

At the time of his death, he was serving his third year as postmaster of Creston, having been appointed by President Coolidge in July, 1924. For two years he had been vice president of the state board of



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education and his six year term would have expired July 1, when he would have retired from the board, as he had refused because of his health to be considered by the governor for re-appointment.

### Was Once Senator

The political record included two terms as state senator, serving in the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth general assemblies.

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for James A. Reed, chief of  
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d ledger. Sapiro was under  
examination for the tenth

## Minnesota Law Is Held Void

Burlington, April 11. (AP)—The  
Iowa law of 1923 prohibiting  
inflation in the purchase of  
cream or butter fat by the  
of prices higher in one lo-  
than in another was set  
void by the supreme court  
in an appeal by the Fair-  
Creamery company, operat-  
ing in Slouss City, Ia., contended  
the statute was an unconstitu-  
tional restraint upon interstate  
commerce and an unfair discrimina-  
tion that it permitted cooper-  
ative independent creameries,  
operating only one locality, to  
obtain whatever prices they desired,  
while it restricted the centralized  
creameries, operating in various  
localities, by requiring them to pay  
the same prices throughout the  
state with only allowances for  
freight charges.

## Wounded Convict Killed By Wife

Waukegan, Wis., April 11. (AP)—A  
prisoner for 16 months, William  
Gentle, 32-year-old ex-convict,  
was shot and killed early today by  
his estranged wife at the home of  
his parents at Waunakee, 13 miles  
north of Madison, when he risked  
his life to effect a reconciliation.  
Gentle was unable to talk and suffering  
from a nervous breakdown. Myra  
McLoudkey, his wife, she killed her estranged  
husband at the culmination of a  
four-day midnight conference in  
the kitchen of her father's home  
when he threatened to kill her if  
she did not return to him.

## LOCALS

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tus. The bill also includes the dis-  
trict bank association plan.

An amendment to the house bill  
by Representative Blackford of  
Van Buren proposed to strike the  
revolving fund feature. This action  
would leave only provisions that  
are similar in a general way to the  
senate bill.

In the senate, the first consider-  
ation was an amendment by Sen-  
ator Dean to permit the superintend-  
ent of banks to establish a sur-  
rogation for distressed banks.

## Mrs. Mary Ford 82 Years Old

The J. P. Ford home, 402 North  
Maple street, was the scene for a  
birthday celebration Sunday when  
Mr. Ford's mother, Mrs. Mary Ford  
observed her eighty-second birth-  
day. During the afternoon and  
evening friends called at the Ford  
home to extend their congratulations  
and many lovely gifts of flow-  
ers and various remembrances were  
presented.

At 1 o'clock a three course din-  
ner was served with covers laid for  
30 guests. The dinner table was  
very attractive with the color  
scheme in pink and white. Two  
large bouquets of pink and white  
carnations and tulips were placed  
at each end of the table while a  
large white birthday cake with 82  
pink candles graced the center. The  
cake was a gift from Miss Mary Ul-  
rich.

The out of town guests were Mrs.  
William Gentle and daughters, Miss  
Grace and Miss Margaret of St.  
Paul; Mrs. James Donnelly of Con-  
ception Junction; Mrs. E. J.  
Ford, of Nodaway; Mrs. Walter  
Larson and son, Edward, of Cornish  
and Francis Ford of Leawick.

## Probe Robbery Of C. B. & Q. Car

Burlington, Ia., April 11. (AP)—  
The Burlington and Iowa  
railroad are still investigating

he would have retired from the  
office as he had refused because of  
his health to be considered by the  
governor for re-appointment.

## Was State Senator

His political record included two  
terms as state senator, serving in  
the thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth  
general assemblies.

The funeral services will be held  
at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon  
at the Methodist church of Creston,  
conducted by the Rev. J. F.  
Bingham of Graceland who will be  
assisted by the Rev. C. W. Graham,  
local pastor. Burial will be in the  
Cromwell cemetery. The body will  
be in state at the church from 1  
until 2 o'clock Wednesday after-  
noon.

A native of Illinois, Mr. Thomas  
was a pioneer of Union county,  
having resided at Cromwell, Kent  
and Creston fifty-one years. When  
16 years old, he came to the county  
with his parents, four brothers and  
five sisters, settling at Cromwell on  
March 4, 1874. He was born Sept.  
23, 1850, near Bismarck, Warren  
county, Illinois, the son of Mathew  
and Emaline Thomas.

## Long In Business

Mr. Thomas began his business  
career Aug. 29, 1888, when he en-  
tered the employ of W. M. Sparr,  
Cromwell, dealer in lumber and  
hardware. After working there  
ten years, the hardware firm of  
Thomas & Dougherty was estab-  
lished in Creston in 1898 and later  
the business became that of Thomas  
Brothers. In the spring in 1905,  
the brothers opened a branch at  
Kent and a few months later moved  
their entire business there, working  
together until 1939 when the  
brother, Grant M. Thomas, died.  
In 1918, when Charles H.  
Thomas returned to Creston, the  
Kent store was operated as C. H.  
Thomas & Co. It is now owned by  
relatives of the C. H. Thomas  
family.

In 1918, C. H. Thomas establish-  
ed the Creston Hardware company  
here, buying out Miers & Asplund  
and had charge of the business con-  
tinuously until failing health  
prevented.

Mr. Thomas resided in Union  
county continuously from the time  
the family migrated from Illinois,  
except for a part of the year 1886.

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## Do You Know?

Questions of local interest.





Charles H. Thomas  
of Kent.

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# HISTORY OF Union County, Iowa

From the Earliest Historic Times to 1908

*Pt. 2*

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By GEORGE A. IDE

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ILLUSTRATED WITH PORTRAITS AND VIEWS

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Also Biographical Sketches of Some  
Prominent Citizens of the County

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## ADVISORY BOARD

Ex-Senator J. B. Harsh

Ex-County Attorney J. G. Bull

Judge N. W. Rowell

Ex-Representative W. H. Robb

Hon. J. F. Bryan

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and afterward removed to McLean county, Illinois, locating on a farm near Bloomington, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits for five or six years. He then sold his property and removed to the vicinity of Batavia, Illinois, where he followed farming for five years. He next became a resident of Dixon, Illinois, and after a short period there passed came to Iowa, settling in Hardin county. He carried on business at Steamboat Rock, purchasing a grocery store, and later also acted as express agent. He likewise had a contract for carrying the mail from Eldora to Waterloo and was in charge of the stage line as well. He continued in active business in Hardin county until 1894, when he disposed of his interests there and removed to Madison county, where he resumed agricultural pursuits, purchasing an improved farm of two hundred acres near Lorimor. For several years he there tilled the fields and carried on farm work with good success and in 1904, putting aside the active work of the farm and renting his land, he removed to Lorimor, where he has since lived retired, for the financial accumulation of his earlier years makes possible his present rest.

As the years passed three children were added to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Green: Elwin O., now a business man of Dodge City, Kansas; Wilbur B., who is living on the Green farm in Madison county; and Helen A., a young lady at home. They also lost two daughters: Emma died in Hardin county when about forty years of age. She was married and left two daughters. Mamie was the wife of Charlton Reed, of Lorimor.

Mr. Green is a republican, having been a stalwart advocate of the party since casting his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont. He has been officially identified with the schools in different localities in which he has resided but has never been aspirant for office. He belongs to the Presbyterian church and his wife to the Baptist church and they are both earnest, consistent Christian people who for thirty-eight years have been residents of Iowa, watching the development of the country and giving their aid and influence to various measures which have been factors in its upbuilding and improvement.

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#### CHARLES H. THOMAS.

Among the men of broad public spirit and marked enterprise and achievement whose labors have resulted beneficially to the community in which they live, and who in the direction of both private and public interests have won the success which is the merited reward of all persistent and honorable endeavor, is numbered Charles H. Thomas of the firm of C. H. Thomas & Company, at Kent, the leading mercantile establishment in the county outside of the county seat.

Mr. Thomas was born in a log cabin near Roseville, Warren county, Illinois, September 29, 1860, his parents being Mathew and Emaline (Raybourn) Thomas, both of whom were natives of Jackson county, Indiana. The name is Welsh, the family tracing its lineage back through Kentucky and Virginia



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to the arrival in that colony of five Thomas brothers from Wales. The maiden name on the maternal grandmother's side was Taylor and she was a near relative of President Zachary Taylor. Mathew Thomas was a volunteer soldier in the Mexican war, and his brother fills a soldier's grave near the city of Mexico. Returning from the war, he was married and emigrated to Warren county, Illinois, in 1851, where the subject of this sketch was born. After twenty-five years' residence there the family, including five brothers and five sisters, came to Cromwell in this county, March 4, 1876.

Charles H. Thomas attended his first school at Monmouth, Illinois. Following the usual course of a farmer boy, he helped his father on the farm, attending the village school only in the winter until he had completed the course in the Cromwell school. A college education and the law was his ambition, but unexpected financial reverses wiped out his father's resources and the son was compelled to seek employment. On August 20, 1880, he accepted a position with W. M. Sparr, the lumber and hardware merchant of Cromwell, and began a business career which he has since followed, being connected with the above firm for ten years. In 1886 he took up a homestead in western Kansas, engaging temporarily in the land and loan business at Garden city. In a few months he accepted a position with Crumbaugh & Fitzgerald, a law, land and loan firm of Dodge City, Kansas, the senior member of which held the position of probate judge and under whom he commenced to read law. Mr. Fitzgerald is the present lieutenant governor of that state. Returning to Iowa in the fall of the same year, he arranged to continue the study of law with Judge Wilson of the superior court of Creston, but deciding to get married, he abandoned this plan and re-entered business at Cromwell. In January, 1902, the firm of Thomas & Dougherty opened a retail hardware store at No. 114 Maple street in Creston and was succeeded later by Thomas Brothers. In the spring of 1895 this firm opened a branch business at Kent, and in the fall they built a brick store room there and removed their entire business to that point, where the firm of C. H. Thomas & Company now conduct one of the largest mercantile establishments in Union county, handling a complete line of lumber, hardware, harness and paints. Grant M. Thomas, the brother died in 1899. In 1901 the firm erected a brick store room, thirty-six by eighty feet, two stories and basement, one of the best business buildings in the county.

Mr. Thomas is president of the board of education, a member of the city council and a trustee and steward of the Methodist church, of which both he and his wife are active, loyal members. Mr. Thomas is also superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a charter member of Kent Lodge, No. 666, I. O. O. F., belongs to the Modern Woodmen and was a charter member and first consul commander of Cosmopolitan Camp, Woodmen of the World, at Creston, where he still holds his membership. He is a leading spirit in all public enterprises for the upbuilding of his home community and county, giving liberally of his purse as well as of his time and talent. A republican in politics, he has served as secretary of the county central committee and frequently a delegate to the state conventions. At the congressional convention in Osceola in 1894 he was made both temporary and permanent chairman

Outline of Personal History of

Senator C. H. Thomas

5 Dist.

RESIDENCE

West Iowa

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

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) *Charles H. Thomas*
- 2. Chief occupation or profession *Hardware Merchant*
- 3. Former occupation or profession
- 4. Date and place of beginning each *1895 Creston, Ia. West*
- 5. Present residence address
- 6. Present business address
- 7. Date of birth *Sept. 29 1860*
- 8. Place of birth *Roseville, Warren Co Illinois.*
- 9. If born abroad, where
- 10. Emigrated to America, when
- 11. First migrated to what state and county, whether born abroad or in America *Crawwell Ia 1876*
- 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 *Common schools of Crawwell*
- 15. Date of graduation and degree if any

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)
- Senator 1912
25. Director or trustee of financial, religious and educational institutions
- Alderman, Pres of School Board for 10 years,  
V. P. West State Savings Bank.
26. Politics Republican
27. Religious denomination if any Methodist
28. Religious preference if non-affiliated with a denomination \_\_\_\_\_
29. Member of what societies or associations of learning \_\_\_\_\_
30. Member of what secret organizations, with honors or offices held, with dates
- M. W. A., I. O. O. F., W. O. W.,
31. Member of what clubs if any Creston Country Club
32. Belonged to what firms give names in full and dates if possible \_\_\_\_\_
33. Officer or director in any corporation \_\_\_\_\_
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 Sept. 7, 1886, Fernina J. Brown
2. Date of marriage Sept. 7, 1886
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. Parents' residence at time of their marriage
16. Miscellaneous remarks on their family

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. Birth date and where.....
12. Occupation of his or her father.....
13. His or her mother's full name.....
14. Birth date and where.....
15. Parents' residence at time of their marriage.....
16. Miscellaneous remarks on their family.....

AND

CHILDREN OF

NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	PLACE OF DEATH	DATE	MARRIED TO WHOM	WHERE	DATE
<i>Two sons &amp; two daughters</i>							

AND

CHILDREN OF

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

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DATE

STATE OF IOWA  
1927

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**Journal of the Senate**  
OF THE  
**Forty-second General Assembly**

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REGULAR SESSION  
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L. V. CARTER, Speaker of the House

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JAMES H. TREWIN.

"Know ye not, there is a great prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel!"

It is the age-old cry—the age-old lamentation. So it has been since first the sun of human history silvered the dawn of the world, and so it will ever be until the end of time.

Nothing that we can say or hear in this chamber, where he was in his day a forceful character, can add to the immutability and finality of death. His work is done. It is recorded today in the history, the politics, the statutes and the affections of the state in which he lived and died, and which he loved so well. His record is not ours to relate to the people of Iowa, for he has left his own record to that end. He was one of the last of the old oaks; sturdy, steadfast and true to all in which he believed and held convictions. One of the last of the two sturdy generations that made Iowa—consistent in all that he believed; courageous to fight for belief and never faltering in the faith of his convictions. The landmarks of the formative days of our commonwealth are being lost, and growing dim and formless in the march of time. He was one of them, and the call has come to him. His work is ended. Those that he battled with respected him, those that fought on his side loved him. He has fought the good fight. He has finished his course and he has kept the faith as he conceived that faith. No honest man could do more for his fellow citizens that he loved—and nothing is greater than an honest man. If, in another world to which his soul has passed, fidelity to conscientious convictions is honored, and faith and friendship is a virtue, then all is well with him. He has left our state his debtor. In his passing into the inscrutable mysteries of the life hereafter—Hail and Farewell!

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the Senate, and that the secretary be directed to send an engrossed copy thereof to the family of the deceas'd.

W. G. HASKELL,  
J. R. FRAILEY,  
F. C. GILCHRIST.

*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

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CHARLES H. THOMAS

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee which was appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character, and public services of Senator Charles H. Thomas, late of Union county, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following report:

Charles H. Thomas was born near Roseville, Warren county, Illinois, the 29th day of September, 1860. His parents, Matthew and Emaline Thomas, were of Welsh and Scotch descent and with them he removed to Union county, Iowa, when he was fifteen years of age.

In 1876 the family moved to Cromwell, Iowa, where he completed his

education in the public school, after which he engaged in the lumber and hardware business, first as a clerk and later as a member of the firm.

In 1891 Mr. Thomas opened a hardware store in Creston, and four years later removed to Kent to engage in the lumber and hardware business. He was vice president of the Kent Savings Bank and president of the "Blue Grass Road," crossing Iowa from Burlington to Council Bluffs, having both originated and named this highway.

Mr. Thomas was active in republican politics of his district for many years. He was elected to the state Senate in 1913 and was a member of the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth General Assemblies. He was appointed by Governor Kendall as a member of the state board of education, ably serving in the capacity of vice president of this organization. Three years ago he was appointed postmaster of Creston, Iowa.

Charles Thomas was a great student. He had an indomitable determination to do well, that which he undertook. He was fair, straightforward and always upon the right side in every moral and economic question. He was a tireless worker, a faithful friend, an upright and respected citizen in the community in which he lived. No one can fill his place. He speaks in lives made better—in works done that will stand out as time goes on. It may be truly said of him as Watt put it

What I saved I had.

What I had I lost.

What I gave I have.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved*, By the Senate of the Forty-second General Assembly of Iowa, that the Senate takes this occasion to express its high appreciation of his lofty character and faithful public service and adopt this memorial in the name of the public of Iowa, as a tribute to his name and memory.

*Be It Further Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions appear in the Journal of the Senate, and that the secretary be directed to send an engrossed copy thereof to his family.

H. GUY ROBERTS,

S. E. FACKLER,

W. S. BAIRD,

*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

President Clem F. Kimball spoke as follows in closing:

In closing this memorial service I have a few words to say in connection with the Senators that I have known who have been members of this Senate.

There are some nine members whom I have known intimately among the list of those deceased. They were fine men, full of courage and convictions and each worked for the interests of his constituents. I thought many times as I have sat here before the Senate this winter how time flits by, and we must agree with Lincoln when he said time was a vapor mist, and that as the years go by a new Senate constantly comes and goes.

I have never known a better body of men than the present Senate of Iowa or one that worked more faithfully for the welfare of all persons concerned. Those that have gone before are but like those that stay. Lincoln with his greatness was great because he was so much like the men of his own type. He was a typical man of his time. So it is with the Senators of this body. They were typical men of their time. They were given greatly to the doctrine of service, and I am reminded tonight that, "A destiny makes us all brothers. None may go his way alone and what we bring to the lives of others must come back again to our own."

On motion of Senator McLeland, the memorial session adjourned.



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## THOMAS, Charles H.

**Born:** 9-29-1860  
**Died:** 4-10-1927  
**Cemetery:** CROMWELL  
**Location:** CROMWELL  
**County:** UNION CO. - IOWA  
**Record Notes:** LOT 166; IOWA STATE SENATOR 1913 - 1917 D. CRESTON.

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## 1910 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>Charles H Thomas</b>	
Age in 1910:	<b>49</b>	
Estimated birth year:	<b>abt 1861</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Illinois</b>	
Relation to Head of House:	<b>Head</b>	
Father's Birth Place:	<b>Indiana</b>	
Mother's Birth Place:	<b>Indiana</b>	
Spouse's name:	<b>Jemina J</b>	
Home in 1910:	<b>Platte, Union, 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
	Charles H Thomas	49
	Jemina J Thomas	43
	Grace E Thomas	20
	Hobart M Thomas	14
	Mary B Thomas	11
	Caryst H Thomas	3
	Joseph M Thomas	25

**Source Citation:** Year: 1910; Census Place: Platte, Union, Iowa; Roll T624-425; Page: 7A; Enumeration District: 155; Image: 745.

**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.

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You searched for **Charles H. Thomas** in **Iowa**

### Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	<b>Charles H Thomas</b>	
Birth Year:	<b>abt 1861</b>	
Birth Place:	<b>Illinois</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>Union</b>	
Locality:	<b>Kent</b>	
Mother's Birthplace:	<b>Indiana</b>	
Father's Birthplace:	<b>Indiana</b>	
Roll:	<b>IA1915_477</b>	
Line:	<b>132</b>	
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Household Members:	<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>
	Charles H Thomas	<b>54</b>

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You searched for **Charles H. Thomas** in **Iowa**

## 1920 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>Charles H Thomas</b>	
Home in 1920:	<b>Creston Ward 5, Union, Iowa</b>	
Age:	<b>59 years</b>	
Estimated birth year:	<b>abt 1861</b> <b>[abt 1825]</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Illinois</b>	
Relation to Head of House:	<b>Head</b>	
Spouse's name:	<b>Jemima</b>	
Father's Birth Place:	<b>Indiana</b>	
Mother's Birth Place:	<b>Indiana</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Married</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Sex:	<b>Male</b>	
Able to read:	<b>Yes</b>	
Able to Write:	<b>Yes</b>	
Image:	<b>725</b>	
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Household Members:	Name	Age
	Charles H Thomas	59 [95]
	Jemima Thomas	55
	Mary S Thomas	20
	Carriot H Thomas	13

**Source Citation:** Year: 1920; Census Place: *Creston Ward 5, Union, Iowa*; Roll *T625\_515*; Page: *11A*; Enumeration District: *159*; Image: *725*.

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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.

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ID: I0200  
 Name: Charles H. THOMAS  
 Sex: M  
 Birth: 29 SEP 1860 in Rockville, Illinois  
 Death: 10 APR 1922 in Creston, Union County, Iowa  
 Burial: Cromwell Cemetery, Cromwell, Union County, Iowa  
 Note:  
 Source: TOMBSTONE RECORDS OF UNION COUNTY, IOWA  
 Page: 227  
 Name: Charles H. Thomas  
 Birth Date: 29 September 1860  
 Death Date: 10 April 1927  
 Cemetery: Cromwell  
 Town: Cromwell  
 Comment: Lot 166; Iowa State Senator 1913-1917. d. Creston

### \* Ancestry Hints for Charles H. THOMAS

4 possible historical record matches

Father: Mathew W. THOMAS b: 3 AUG 1823 in Ripley County, Indiana  
 Mother: Emaline "Emily" RABOURN b: 8 OCT 1830 in Ripley County, Indiana

Marriage 1 Jemima I. BROWN b: 26 MAY 1865  
 Married: 7 SEP 1886

#### Children

Grace THOMAS b: 26 NOV 1891  
 Hobart McKinley THOMAS b: 1 NOV 1896  
 Mary Belle THOMAS b: 1 FEB 1899  
 Carnat Hamilton THOMAS b: 1906

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ID: I861

Name: Charles H. THOMAS <sup>1 2</sup>

Sex: M

Birth: 29 SEP 1860 in near Roseville, Warren Co., IL <sup>1 2</sup>

Birth: 29 SEP 1860 in Near Roseville, Warren County, Illinois <sup>2</sup>

Death: 10 APR 1922 in Creston, Union Co., IA <sup>1 2</sup>

Note:

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Phelps News July 1894: "Chas. Thomas has received his new thresher and will be ready to start even with the other threshermen."

Phelps News May 1895: " Chas. Thomas is entitled to the Blue Ribbon for catching squirrels - ninety in one day is his record."

He was listed as a resident of Swan Twp., Warren Co., IL in 1903.

Lucas Co., IA Newspaper Obit. of Zedekiah Wiltsey 1904-Relatives attending are Charles Thomas of Kent and Mr. & Mrs. Dow Waynick.

"Mr. Thomas was born in a log cabin near Roseville, Warren County, IL. The name is Welsh, the family tracing its lineage back through Kentucky and Virginia to the arrival in that colony of five Thomas brothers from Wales.

#### # Ancestry Hints for Charles H. THOMAS

2 possible historical record matches

Father: Matthew THOMAS b: 9 JUL 1823 in Jackson County, Indiana

Mother: Emeline RABOURN b: 8 OCT 1830 in Ripley County, Indiana

#### Sources:

Title: BFHIGB

Repository:

Media: Other

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Title: King Line.FTW

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Charles J Thomas

**Born:** 1860  
Roseville, Warren, Illinois, USA  
**Died:** 10 Apr 1922  
Creston, Union, Iowa, USA

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Mary

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**Jemina I Brown**

**Born:** 26 May 1865 in Minorsville, [county], Illinois, USA  
**Died:** 31 Aug 1944 in Creston, [county], Iowa, USA

**Marriage:** 7 Sep 1886 in Cromwell, Union, Iowa, USA

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Children

**Sex Birth**

	Sex	Birth
Grace Thomas	F	26 Nov 1891 in Cromwell, Union, Iowa, USA
Hobart McKinley Thomas	M	4 Nov 1896 in Kent, Union, Iowa, USA
Mary B Thomas	F	1 Feb 1899 in Shannon City, [county], Iowa, USA
Carnat Hamilton Thomas	M	1907 in Cromwell, Union, Iowa, USA

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**Birth:** Sep. 29, 1860  
Warren County  
Illinois, USA

**Death:** Apr. 10, 1927  
Creston  
Union County  
Iowa, USA

Charles H. Thomas married Jemima I. Brown.

Member of the State Board of Education , was born in Warren county, Illinois, September 29, 1860, of Welsh and Scotch parentage. The father served in the Mexican war under General Zachary Taylor, a blood relative of the mother of this sketch. Mathew and Emaline Thomas moved to Union county, Iowa, in 1876 and the son completed his education in the Cromwell public school. A twenty he left the farm to enter business and has been actively engaged in mercantile life since, twenty-one years of it in lumber, hardware and banking at Kent, where he served ten years on the local school board. He first proposed the name and the route of the "Blue Grass Trail" across Iowa from Burlington to Coucil Bluffs. Represented Union, Ringgold and Decatur counties in the state senate 1913 to 1917. Author of the original Iowa "blue sky law," "teachers' minimum wage law," the prohibitory amendment voted on in 1918. In an extremely close three-cornered contest in the primary in 1916 he barely missed the republican nomination for state treasurer. Removed to Creston in 1916, where he is the senior member of the Creston Hardware Co. and one of the leading business men of the city. Married in 1886 to Miss Jemima I. Brown. Four children, Grace E., Hobart M., Mary I. and Carnot H., make up the family circle. A Methodist in church affiliation and an active republican in politics.

Source - Official Register, State of Iowa 1921-1922, Twenty-Ninth Number, Biographies of State Officers

Inscription: Ia St Senator 1913-1917

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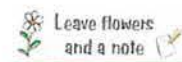


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### Cromwell in Union County



**POPULATION:** 120

**FOUNDED:** 1868

**HOW IT WAS NAMED:** Unknown origin. The town was to be the division point for the Burlington Northern Railroad, but that was shifted to Creston in 1906.

**CLAIMS TO FAME:** Former teacher Edith Bantock published a book of poetry in the 1960s. There's also a bar in town known for its catfish.

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