

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Seifert, Henry Otto Senator _____

Represented Pottawattamie County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 12 Dec 1845 Schomberg, Holstein, Germany

2. Marriage (s) date place

Catherine Baugh 30 Dec 1868 Davenport, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Member of the Board of directors of the Davenport Bank and Trust Co.; president of the Phoenix Milling Co.; president of the Glucose Co.

B. Civic responsibilities Founded the Davenport Chamber of Commerce;

C. Profession Lumber dealer; miller; brickyard owner

4. Church membership Lutheran

5. Sessions served 19th General Assembly 1882

6. Public Offices

A. Local Director of Citizens Trust and Savings Bank; director of vice president of the Peoples Savings Bank

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 12 Dec 1940 Davenport, Iowa; cremated at Savonnet Cemetery, Davenport, Iowa

8. Children Otto H. Seifert; Helen; Mrs. C. T. Beiderbecke;

Mrs. Martha Bress

9. Names of parents Otto and Catherine

10. Education

11. Degrees

He attended business college in Davenport, Iowa.

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- As a youth in Germany he learned the milling trade
- At age 21 in 1866 he came to America with a boyfriend friend
- Finding the field work in New York, he came to Davenport and worked on a farm and attended a business college in Davenport
- In spring 1867 he worked in the John Good flour mill
- Later he was employed in the Phoenix Milling Co. in Davenport.
- After marriage he tried opportunities in Avoca, Iowa, entering the land business
- He prospered and in 1875 he started the H.O. Seiffert Lumber Company
- Later he owned eight lumber yards, acquired grain elevators and coal cranes in the area around Avoca.
- Later he also bought a flour mill and became director on the Avoca bank.
- Returned to Davenport in 1892 and established a lumber company.
- Founded the Monroe Shingle Co. in Monroe, WA; the H.O. Seiffert Co. in Everett, WA and the Monroe Lumber Co. in Eugene, WA.
- He died on his 95th birthday

Henry O. Seiffert, 95, Pioneer Lumberman In Davenport, Is Dead

Henry Otto Seiffert, a pioneer Davenport lumberman and prominently identified with the industrial development of this community, died at 12:30 a. m. Thursday in his home, 532 West Sixth street. Death occurred on his 95th birthday.

He had been in failing health for more than two years, during which time he retired from all business activity. Several days ago his condition became critical and it was believed that death was near.

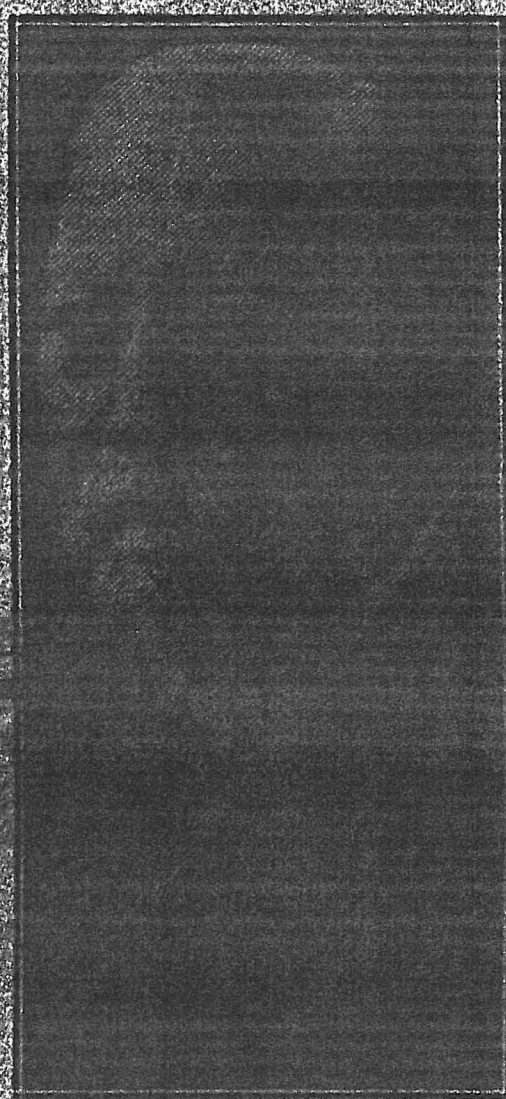
The body was removed to the Hill & Fredericks chapel where services will be held at 2:30 p. m. Saturday. Friends are welcome at the chapel, but attendance in the Davenport crematorium will be private.

In 1857 Mr. Seiffert founded the lumber company in Davenport bearing his name, destined to expand into one of the most flourishing businesses of its kind in the middle-west, and he retained the presidency of the concern until his illness.

CIVIC-MINDED

He was identified with every civic betterment movement of importance, serving on many committees and contributing his time and money to various organizations of civic importance. He was one of the founders of the Chamber of Commerce and had remained deeply interested in its welfare. He served in the state legislature and was a member of the board of directors of the Davenport Bank & Trust Co.

He was born Dec. 12, 1845, in



HENRY O. SEIFFERT

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In the spring of 1867 he got a job in the flour store owned by John Good, of Moline, located on Harrison street. Wheat was purchased in Davenport from farmers in the vicinity, taken to Moline to be milled, and brought back to Davenport and sold at the store.

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board of directors of the Daven-
port Bank & Trust Co.

He was born Dec. 12, 1845, in
Schoenberg, Holstein, Germany.
At the age of 18 he was confirm-
ed in the German Lutheran faith.

As a youth he took up the mill-
ing trade and having learned it
traveled all over Germany and
Austria, working at this trade.

When he was 21 years old, in
the summer of 1866, he left with
a boyhood friend, William Ruser,
for America. The latter was for
many years in the jewelry busi-
ness on West Second street, un-
der the firm of Stark and Ruser.

The journey to America was a
lengthy one, and must have been
interesting in the extreme to the
two German boys. They traveled
on a cattle steamer to Hull, Eng-
land, and from there to Liverpool,
from where they sailed for Que-
bec on the sailing ship, St. David.
From Quebec they went overland
to New York, traveling by way of
Albany.

THEN TO DAVENPORT

Falling to find work in New
York, Mr. Seiffert came to Daven-
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few now living will remember.

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John Good, of Moline, located on
Harrison street. Wheat was pur-
chased in Davenport from farmers
in this vicinity, taken to Moline to
be milled, and brought back to Daven-
port and sold at the Good store.

Later the store was sold, and Mr.
Seiffert obtained a job in what is
now the Phoenix mill here, owned
by the Frohofer Milling Co. For
many years he was president of
the Phoenix company.

Two years after his arrival in
Davenport he was married to Cath-
erine Beuck, on Dec. 30, 1868. She
preceeded him in death.

About this time Mr. Seiffert de-
cided that greater opportunity for
advancement lay in the western
part of the country, and with Henry
Wiese, a schoolmate whose occu-
pation was a surveyor, went to
Avoca, Ia., where they entered the
land business. They acted as agent
for railroads and other interests.
Most of the land was prairie soil,
and sold for from \$8 to \$12 an
acre. Many of their sales were to
Iowa and Illinois settlers.

OPENS LUMBER YARD

His land dealings prospered and
in 1875 he started a brick and lum-
ber yard in Avoca which was the
beginning of the H. O. Seiffert
Lumber Co.

Proof that Mr. Seiffert timed
well his entrance into the building
field is shown by the fact that in
1875 there were 161 homes built in
Avoca, in addition to a consider-
able amount of farm improvements
on the part of the settlers.

Shortly after the establishment
of the brick and lumber yard he
began to acquire grain elevators
and to crib corn. Soon he owned
eight lumber yards, located at

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Considering the scale of the midlands attacks, the casualties were not believed to have been heavy.

Following the usual pattern, the first night raiders dropped incendiaries, which guided the second wave with its explosives. Many fires were started, but with the strenuous work of fire-fighters they were quickly extinguished or brought under control, the British said.

The anti-aircraft barrage in the Birmingham area was heavier than ever before there since the start of the air siege.

There were numerous cases of residents pulled from under debris by rescue crews.

In a midlands town, a husband, wife and son were all killed when a bomb struck their home.

The German daylight thrusts at London were short-lived.

British Forces Capture 20,000 Italian Troops

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Italian retreat at Salum near the Libya-Egypt frontier and Bardia on the Libyan coast."

Other British ships, it was announced, fought a duel with Italian coastal batteries at Chisimafo, Italian Somaliland.

(The Italian high command said a British cruiser fired several shots at Chisimafo without causing damage and was hit by coast defense batteries.)

GREEKS PUSH AHEAD.

Athens. — (AP) — Italian forces were reported Thursday to have attempted counter-attacks at two points in the northern sector of the Albanian front, only to be driven back by the Greeks with heavy losses and lose the position from which they attacked.

The Greeks were said to have captured a large number of prisoners and much war material.

Italian prisoners were quoted as saying the British Royal Air Force and Greek attacks on the airdromes at Durazzo and Tirana,

gives from following... county, altho, as he had related, he neither sought nor campaigned for the office. At the time of his death he was the oldest Iowa legislator.

In 1892, with his children growing up, he decided that they should have greater educational opportunities than were afforded in Avoca, and returned to Davenport, where he established his lumber business at its present location at 923 West Second street.

Ultimately the yards were supplemented by one in East Davenport, at Eldridge, Walcott, New Liberty, Dixon, Bennett and Bellevue. All have since been sold except the ones on West Second street, East Davenport and Bellevue.

Shortly after his return to Davenport he became a director of the Citizens' Trust & Savings bank, and later became a director and a vice president of the German Savings bank, remaining for 30 years in the latter capacity.

He had been a director of the Davenport Bank & Trust Co. since its organization and up until his retirement he had attended board meetings faithfully. He was also a director for the Friendly House for many years and was president of the Glucose Co. when it was Davenport's leading industry.

OTHER ENTERPRISES.

In addition to his business affairs here, he founded the Monroe Shingle Co., in Monroe, Wash., the H. O. Seiffert Co., at Everett, Wash., and served as president of the Monroe Timber Co. at Eugene, Wash., for many years.

Outside of his business and family, Mr. Seiffert had few hobbies. He was fond of traveling and made numerous trips abroad, as well as traveling extensively thru his adopted country. He enjoyed walking and frequently took long jaunts on foot.

Four children survive. They are Otto H. Seiffert, president of the H. O. Seiffert Lumber Co., residing in Moline, Miss Helen Seiffert and Mrs. C. T. Beiderbecke, both of Davenport, and Mrs. Martha Boes, Magdeburg, Germany. He also leaves a brother, Herman Seiffert, Avoca, Ia., nine grandchildren, and 22 great grandchildren.

"PARENTS NIGHT"

call to the pastorate of Grand nue, Baptist church, East street and Grand avenue, expected to arrive in Davenport Thursday night from Lind Kas.

The new pastor and his wife will be honored at a reception day night in the church parlors, which congregation members, visiting pastors and friends of the church will participate. C. Hedberg is in charge of the program.

The Rev. Mr. Peterson succeeds the Rev. Lawrence Selin, who accepted a position at the First Baptist church in Sister Bay, Wis. fall. The new pastor and his family will reside at 611 Grand avenue.

BAND MEMBERS AT ORPHANS' HOME ARRANGE TAG DAY

Members of the band at the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' home have their third annual tag day Saturday for the purpose of obtaining contributions to a fund from which band maintenance will be paid during the coming year.

Saturday youngsters who are members of the band will take their stations at downtown corners to sell tags. They will be assisted by several of the girls at the home. Cost of instrument replacements and new music and miscellaneous expense will be taken from the tag day fund. This system has been in effect for some time at the home and its adoption has eliminated the red tape of numerous minor requests from the state for small sums of cash to cover expense.

Iowa Grippled By Cold Wave; Zero Expected

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gins and zero as far south as the South Dakota southern line. cold is already invading Iowa. The full effect of the storm will be felt here on Saturday

Henry O. Seiffert was born December 12, 1845, in Schoenberg, Holstein, Germany, and died at his home, 523 West 6th Street, Davenport, on December 12, 1940—his ninety-fifth birthday.

As a youth Mr. Seiffert took up the milling trade and, having learned it, traveled all over Germany and Austria working at his trade. When he was 21 years old, in the summer of 1866, he left Germany with a boyhood friend, William Ruser, for America. They traveled on a cattle boat to Hull, England, and from there to Liverpool, and they sailed for Quebec on the sailing ship St. David. From Quebec they went overland to New York, traveling by way of Albany.

Failing to find work in New York, Mr. Seiffert came to Davenport later in the summer, staying for a time at Hoering's boarding house, an establishment that few now living will remember. Failing to secure work at his trade, he worked on a farm near Davenport, attending business college in Davenport during the fall and winter. In the spring of 1867 he secured work in the flour store owned by John Good of Moline, located on Harrison Street. Later the store was sold and Mr. Seiffert obtained work in what is now the Phoenix Mill here, owned by the Freihofter Milling Co. For many years he was president of the Phoenix Company.

Two years after his arrival in Davenport he was married to Catherine Bauck. She preceded him in death. Four children survive: Otto H. Seiffert, president of the H. O. Seiffert Lumber Co., residing in Moline, Illinois; Miss Helan Seiffert and Mrs. C. T. Beiderbecke, both of Davenport, and Mrs. Martha Boes, Magdeburg, Germany. He also leaves a brother, Herman Seiffert, Avoca, Iowa, nine grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

About the time of his marriage Mr. Seiffert decided that greater opportunity for advancement lay in the western part of the country, and with Henry Weise, a schoolmate, went to Avoca, Iowa, where they entered the land business. His land dealings prospered and in 1875 he started a brick and lumber yard in Avoca. Shortly after the establishment of the brick and lumber yard, he began to acquire grain elevators and to crib corn. Soon he owned eight lumber yards, located at Avoca, Walnut, Hancock, Oakland, Minden, Carson, Harlan and Adair. He extended his interests in Avoca, buying an interest in the flour mill there and becoming a director in the Avoca bank.

In 1881 Mr. Seiffert was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives from Pottawattamie county, although, as he related, he neither sought nor campaigned for the office. At the time of his death he was the oldest Iowa legislator.

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At the age of 16 he was confirmed in the German Lutheran church.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-ninth General Assembly, That in the death of Henry O. Seiffert, the entire state of Iowa has sustained a great loss.

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 forward an enrolled copy to the surviving children of the deceased.

HOWARD P. ECKERMAN,
WALTER DIETZ,
H. W. WALTER,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 3, 1941.

HONORABLE JOHN H. SELBY

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable John H. Selby, of Sac county, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following report:

John Hanna Selby, son of Sadie Hanna and Seymour Douglas Selby, was born May 12, 1892, at Villisca, Iowa. As a small child he came with his parents to Odebolt, Iowa, which has since been his home. He was graduated from Odebolt high school in 1910 and from the University of Omaha in 1914.

During the World War, Mr. Selby served as a first lieutenant in the 35th division and saw active service in France. He was gas officer in the 160th regiment and was badly gassed himself during a major engagement in the Argonne.

On November 1, 1919, he was united in marriage to Della Nelson at Omaha, Nebraska. To this union were born two sons, John Douglas, and Laurie Nelson. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. S. D. Selby of Omaha, Nebraska; a brother, Paul D. Selby of Omaha, Nebraska; and a sister, Mrs. Richard J. Krueger of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. Selby's civic service was given not only in war but in peace as well. He was former mayor of Odebolt, a member of the General Assembly from 1934 to 1936, a world war veteran, and secretary-treasurer of the National Farm Loan Association for Sac and Ida counties.



You searched for **Henry O. Seiffert** in **Iowa**

1880 United States Federal Census

Name:	Henry O. Seiffert	
Home in 1880:	Avoca, Pottawattamie, Iowa	
Age:	33	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1847	
Birthplace:	Holstine	
Relation to Head of Household:	Self (Head)	
Spouse's name:	Catharine	
Father's birthplace:	Holstine	
Mother's birthplace:	Holstine	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Occupation:	Lumber Dealer	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
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	Name	Age
	Henry O. Seiffert	33
	Catharine Seiffert	32
	Helena Seiffert	9
	Adela Seiffert	6
	Martha Seiffert	2
	Anna Steffen	15

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: Avoca, Pottawattamie, Iowa; Roll: 361; Family History Film: 1254361; Page: 167A; Enumeration District: 189; Image: 0336.

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, 2010. 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.

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You searched for **Henry O. Seiffert** in **Iowa**

1900 United States Federal Census

Name:	Henry O Seiffert	
Home in 1900:	Davenport, Scott, Iowa	
Age:	54	
Birth Date:	Dec 1845	
Birthplace:	Germany	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Immigration Year:	1866	
Relationship to Head of House:	Head	
Father's Birthplace:	Germany	
Mother's Birthplace:	Germany	
Spouse's name:	Catrina	
Marriage Year:	1870	
Marital Status:	Married	
Years Married:	30	
Occupation:	View on Image	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Henry O Seiffert	54
	Catrina Seiffert	52
	Helen Seiffert	29
	Otto H Seiffert	16
	Katie Hehnke	20

Source Citation: Year: 1900; Census Place: Davenport, Scott, Iowa; Roll T623_458; Page: 12B; Enumeration District: 131.

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.

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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	O Henry Seiffert
Birth Year:	abt 1846
Birth Place:	Germany
Gender:	Male
Race:	White
Marital Status:	Married
Census Date:	1 Jan 1925
Residence State:	Iowa
Residence County:	Scott
Locality:	Davenport Ward 4
Relation to Head:	Head
Mother:	Goethen Schneckloth
Mother's Birthplace:	Germany
Father:	Otto Seiffert
Father's Birthplace:	Germany
Marriage Place:	Germany
Spouse Name:	Catherine Seiffert
Roll:	IA1925_1936
Line:	12
Neighbors:	View others on page
Household Members:	
Name	Age
O Henry Seiffert	79
Catherine Seiffert	77
Helen Seiffert	54

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...](#)



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ID: I52019
Name: **Henry O SEIFFERT** ^{1 2}
Sex: M
Birth: ABT 1845 in Holstine, Germany
Reference Number: 52114

Ancestry Hints for Henry O SEIFFERT

10 possible historical record matches

Sources:

Title: Seiffert Lumber
Repository:
Name: www.seiffertlumber.com

Text: Seiffert Lumber Company is one of the Quad-Cities oldest companies. We have been a proud family-owned business for over 100 years. H.O. Seiffert Lumber was established in 1892. In 1972, Seiffert Lumber was purchased by Wilber Burress. His son, Bill Burress, operates the business today.
Davenport, Iowa

Title: 1880 Census for Pottawattamie County, Iowa Avoca; Knox
Text: Practically unreadable. He is a 35 year old lumber dealer born in Holstine, Germany

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These folks are all interesting, although mostly unrelated to me. Let me know if I can help with anything! Tracy in Edmonds, WA

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