

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Thornley, Willis Hall Senator _____
Represented Va. Lewis County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 29. Oct 1844 Marietta Township, Washington County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Minerva Ann Burdick 12 Sept 1869 Washington County, Ohio

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Promoter of the Mutual Assurance Association of Washington County, Ohio organized on 9 Apr 1897

B. Civic responsibilities G.A.R.

C. Profession Farmer; raised livestock

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 22nd General Assembly 1888

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 1 Feb 1922 Marietta Ohio - Lewis & Holley County, Marietta Township, Washington County, Ohio

8. Children Paul Van; Thomas Burdick; Willis Todd (died 10 Mar 1884);
William Jerome; Myrtle Augusta (died 3 July 1897); Frances Plumer; John A. Logan

9. Names of parents Philip W. and Nancy Chapman (Martin) Thornley

10. Education His preliminary education was in Marietta Township,
Washington County, Ohio, then he entered the Marietta,
Ohio High School in 1861

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Military services - Civil War - Company B, 77th Ohio Infantry,
attaining rank of Corporal.
- He left high school to go to the Civil War.
- After the war he returned to Marietta Township, Washington County, Ohio where
he lived and farmed until 1882 when he moved to Van Buren
County, Iowa, living near Birmingham, Iowa until the spring of 1892.
In Iowa he farmed and raised livestock.
- In the spring of 1892 he returned to Marietta Township, Washington
County, Ohio where he was occupied with general farming and where
he lived until his death.
- He was a first subscriber of the local telephone company in Marietta
Township and was among the first to encourage the building
of the electric railway from Marietta to Harpord, Ohio.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- G.A.R. Records		✓	
- <u>Articles - The Kansan Republican, Kansas</u>			
<u>News Feb 9</u>			<u>p 2, col. 2 and p 3, col. 1</u>
- <u>Obituary - The Athens Messenger, Athens Ohio</u>			
<u>Friday Feb 3, 1928</u>			<u>p 5, col 5</u>
- <u>ancestry.com (accessed 13 Feb 2010)</u>			
- <u>rootsweb.com (accessed 2 Apr 2010)</u>			
- <u>The History of Marquette and Washington County, Iowa 1902, p. 958-959</u>			

actresses, and then the show is off."

VETERAN DIES

Willis H. Thorniley, 86, Succumbs At Home Near Marietta.

MARIETTA, Feb. 3.—Willis H. Thorniley, 86, veteran of the Civil War, and one of Washington county's well known men, died at his home on Newport Pike on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Thorniley was a descendant of one of the families that settled the eastern section of Marietta township. His paternal great-grandfather, Caleb Thorniley, was born in England and arrived in America in 1795. He came to Marietta with his family the same year and one of his sons, William, born in New York City soon after the family landed, later settled on a farm on Sand Hill.

DATE TO BE SET

Tomorrow for Trial of Velma West Accused of Killing Husband With Hammer.

PAINESVILLE, Feb. 3—(U.P.)—Date for the trial of Mrs. Velma West, accused of killing her husband, Edward, with a hammer, will be set tomorrow, Judge A. G. Reynolds before whom she probably will be tried, announced today. Mrs. West was brought into court late yesterday, but the judge deferred fixing the date until tomorrow.

Miss Channel at Crum and Miss Hootman at White. Each has an county and C. L. is no doubt well qualified to fill this office. heirs was tried Friday but t



enrollment of 29 pupils—pretty good for rural schools in these days.

—Rev. Paul P. Jackson is attending the annual Fellowship conference at Grinnell this week. A feature of the conference is the "Gates" memorial lectures delivered this year by Dr. Charles Whitney Gilkey of Hyde Park Baptist church, Chicago, a man of National and International church fame. Other notable men will be on the program. This is an annual event. Mr. Jackson has attended the last six years.

—We regret to hear from our Stockport letter this week that our old friend Hon. W. H. Thorniley, of Marietta, Ohio, is suffering a second attack of illness. He is a former representative of Van Buren county in the Iowa legislature.

LATER: Since the foregoing was put in type word was received from our Stockport correspondent to the effect that Mr. Thorniley had passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 1, and was buried on the following Friday.

—J. H. Keck the first of this month sold his 123-acre farm south of Utica to Homer Lydolph of Vernon township. Mr. Keck when in Keosauqua Monday bought the Kingsbury estate here from the heirs, and Mr. Keck and wife will take possession after his public sale on Saturday of this week, notice of which may be seen in this week's Re-

of the

—A telegram from Ruby Harlan and wife of California conveyed the information that C. R. Harlan and H. J. Morris of Stockport were granddads for the first time. The stork had presented Clarence and Jay with a dandy grandson Saturday.

25th Wedding Anniversary

A delightful day was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Keck Saturday Feb. 4. It was the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barker who were married in this same home south of Utica, 25 years ago and as the old home has been sold the family decided to meet together once more.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Barker, Dale Barker, Mrs. Thos. Teal, Robt. Agnew, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Davis and daughter Ruth Ann, Mrs. Edward Diekmann, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barker and son Joe, Jr., of Keosauqua; Mr. and Mrs. Karl Keck and children Roberta and Junior, Miss Mary Easter, Mr. and Mrs. John Dodds, Bonaparte; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Teal, Fairfield; Prof. Warren N. Keck, Milton, Wis., Mr. and Mrs. John Barker, Mt. Zion; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Teal, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Keck, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Keck, Stockport.

Seventeen of this number were present twenty-five years ago. A bounteous dinner was served cafeteria style which all enjoyed to the utmost.

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LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE
 STOCKPORT

Word was received Monday
 from the home of W. H. Thorni-
 ley, near Marietta, Ohio, to the
 effect that he had suffered a re-
 lapse and was quite sick again.
 Some weeks ago he became sick
 and while reports seemed to indi-
 cate no particular disease, only a
 general wearing out, he seemed
 to be improveing until the above

future.
 Since our last letter to the Old
 Reliable there have been a num-
 ber of basketball games of inter-
 est to Stockport folks: January
 17th, the fast Pleasant Plain
 teams came down to show our
 Eagles how it was done. And
 they did in the girls' game by a
 score of 3 to 1. Our boys came
 back with a score of about the
 same ratio, 3 to 1. Ft. Madison
 town team came up the same
 has not been rendered.

AT THE
 A telegram from Ruby Har-
 report It is hoped by his friends
 here who know him when a resi-
 dent of Van Buren county, as well
 as those who have met him on
 his varicus visits here that he
 may soon begin to improve and
 be restored to health again.

Orin R. Bradford, for many
 years a resident of our city, but
 for the past four years of Cali-
 fornia, arrived in town last week
 to renew old acquaintances and
 probably make Iowa his home
 for the next few years at least.

Mrs Kate Beswick is visiting
 in the F. B. Whitaker home this
 week end.

Jesse Marshall and family
 moved to the Viola Beswick farm
 last week. Jesse says it seems

evening. The reports came
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Democrat, in politics, and in 1888 was a presidential elector. He was a member of the City School Board three years. He is vice-president of the Citizens National Bank, a trustee of the Public Library, and is engaged in the oil business in Ohio and West Virginia.

The subject of this sketch was treasurer of the Royal Glass Works until that concern was sold to the National Glass Company. He is now president of the Stevens Organ Company, and is interested in companies and corporations at different points in Ohio and other states.



WILLIS H. THORNILEY, one of the most progressive farmers and business men of Marietta township, Washington County, Ohio, was born October 29, 1841, and is a son of Philip Van, grandson of William, and great-grandson of Caleb Thorniley.

Caleb Thorniley came from England to America in 1795, landing at the port of New York, and in July of the same year, came to Marietta township, Washington County, Ohio. He married Mary Alcock, and both died in August, 1807. They reared a family of seven children, namely: William; Samuel; Caleb; Mary; Harriet; John and Thomas.

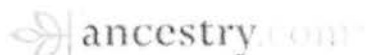
William Thorniley was born in England, and after coming to America, farmed during the remainder of his life, in Marietta township, where he died April 20, 1827. He resided on Sand Hill, Marietta township. He married Elizabeth Markham, a native of England, and they reared the following children: Philip Van; Caleb; Augusta E. (Beswick); William; and Thomas.

Philip Van Thorniley was born December 14, 1799, in New York City, and was reared in Marietta township, where he followed farming all his life. He was a very successful man and became an extensive land owner. Politically he was a Democrat. He died April 26, 1881. His wife, Nancy C. Martin, was born in Tyler County, Virginia, May 6, 1811, and died September 5, 1883. They reared the following children: William, a resident of Mar-

ietta township; Walter Stanley, who resides in Wayne County, West Virginia, and Augusta E., deceased, who were twins; Thomas W., deceased; George W., who died at an early age; Philip V., who also died young; Samantha M., wife of Samuel H. Dorman, of Wood County, West Virginia; Willis H.; Irene B., who died young; and Joseph W. and Willard, of Marietta township.

Willis H. Thorniley was born in Marietta township, where he received his preliminary education, and afterward entered the Marietta High School, in 1861. He left school to enlist in Company B, 77th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., November 5, 1861. He served in the Army of the West under General Grant, and was in numerous engagements, being wounded in the battle of Shiloh. He served until December 12, 1864, when he was mustered out as a corporal. Mr. Thorniley then returned to Marietta township, where he resided and farmed until 1882, and then moved to Van Buren County, Iowa, where he resided for a period of 10 years. In the spring of 1892, he returned to Marietta township, where he has since been located. In Iowa he was engaged in stock raising, but is now occupied in general farming. He was one of the promoters of the Mutual Assurance Association of Washington County, organized April 9, 1897, and has since been one of its directors. He was one of the first subscribers of the local telephone company, and was among those who agitated the building of the electric railway from Marietta City to the town of Newport.

On September 12, 1869, Mr. Thorniley married Minerva Beswick, who was born December 22, 1846, and is a daughter of James Beswick of Marietta township. They had the following issue: Paul Van, born August 13, 1870, and now in Dominion Creek, Klondike, who on January 12, 1892, married Allie J. Keck, a daughter of Joseph A. Keck, of Van Buren County, Iowa; Thomas B., born December 25, 1871, who on April 14, 1898, married Mary J. Olds, a daughter of William Olds, and has two children: William Olds, born January 30, 1899; Philip Van, born July 16, 1901; Willis T., born September 14, 1873, who died



U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles

Name: **Willis H Thornily**
Age at Enlistment: **20**
Enlistment Date: **11 May 1861**
Rank at enlistment: **Private**
State Served: **Ohio**
Survived the War?: **Yes**
Service Record: **Enlisted in on 05 Nov 1861.
Mustered out on 19 Dec 1863 at Columbus, OH.**
Birth Date: **abt 1841**
Sources: **Official Roster of the Soldiers of the State of Ohio**

Source Information:

Historical Data Systems, comp., *U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles* [database on-line], Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2009. Original data: Data compiled by Historical Data Systems of Kingston, MA from the .

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Description:

This database is a compilation of military records (including state rosters, pension records, and regimental histories) of individual soldiers who served in the United States Civil War.

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Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Thornily, Willis H

War

Residence

Battles, etc.

Occupation

Nearest relatives

Date birth

Place

Father

Nativity

Date death

Place

Mother

Nativity

Cause

Place burial

Wife

War record

Corp. B 77 Ohio Inf.
Rank Company Regiment State Organisation
Age 20

Children

Enlisted 5 N 1861 as Prvt
Date Place

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Columbus, Ohio., by order of
War Department
Service 3 years

Sources Ex. Soldiers living Ia. 1886:
Thornily, Willis H. - Corp. - res. Utica
Roster Ohio Soldiers.: Thornily,
Willis H. / G. A. R. Muster Roll 1st ed.
Thornily, W. H. /

Discharged

Date

Place

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Thornily, Willis H

Record Membership and Dues Paid

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Post name	Post No.	Place	Date Joined
Perry A. Newell	232(68)	Birmingham	17 Ag '87
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Member-at-Large

Year	Date Paid	Amount

Suspended

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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **Willis H Thornily**
 Birth Year: abt 1842
 Birth Place: Ohio
 Gender: Male
 Marital Status: Married
 Census Date: 1885
 Residence State: Iowa
 Residence County: Van Buren
 Locality: Union
 Roll: IA1885_269
 Line: 19
 Family Number: 72

Neighbors:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<u>Willis H Thornily</u>	43
	<u>Minerva A Thornily</u>	38
	<u>Paul V Thornily</u>	14
	<u>Thomas B Thornily</u>	13
	<u>Willard J Thornily</u>	9
	<u>Augusta M Thornily</u>	7
	<u>Fannie P Thornily</u>	5

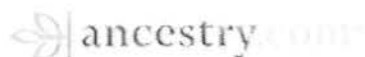
Source Information:

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.

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Ohio Deaths, 1908-1932, 1938-1944, and 1958-2002

Name: **Willis H Thornily**Death Date: **1 Feb 1928**County of Death: **Washington** *County, Ohio*

Source Citation:

Source Information:

Ancestry.com and Ohio Department of Health. *Ohio Deaths, 1908-1932, 1938-1944, and 1958-2002* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006. Original data:

- Ohio. Division of Vital Statistics. *Death Certificates and Index, December 20, 1908-December 31, 1953*. State Archives Series 3094. Ohio Historical Society, Ohio.
- Ohio Department of Health. *Index to Annual Deaths, 1958-2002*. Ohio Department of Health, State Vital Statistics Unit, Columbus, OH, USA.

Description:

This database, with over 5.3 million names, lists deaths between 1908 and 2002 in the State of Ohio, USA. In addition to providing the name of the deceased, many records include information such as residence, location at time of death, death date, age at time of death, birth date, race, educational level, and father's name.

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1910 United States Federal Census

Name: **W H Thorniley**
 Age in 1910: **68**
 Estimated birth year: **abt 1842**
 Birthplace: **Ohio**
 Relation to Head of House: **Head**
 Father's Birth Place: **New York**
 Mother's Birth Place: **West Virginia**
 Spouse's name: **M A**
 Home in 1910: **Little Muskingum, Washington, Ohio**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Race: **White**
 Gender: **Male**

Neighbors:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	W H Thorniley	68
	M A Thorniley	63

Source Citation: Year: 1910; Census Place: *Little Muskingum, Washington, Ohio*; Roll: T624_1237; Page: 54; Enumeration District: 145; Image: 606.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *1910 United States Federal Census* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2000. For details on the contents of the film numbers, visit the following NARA web page: Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Thirteenth Census of the United States, 1910*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1910. T624, 1,178 rolls.

Description:

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

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Name: **Willis H Thorniley**
 Home in 1920: Marietta, Washington, Ohio
 Age: 79 years
 Estimated birth year: **abt 1841**
 Birthplace: **Ohio**
 Relation to Head of House: **Head**
 Spouse's name: **Minerva A**
 Father's Birth Place: **New York**
 Mother's Birth Place: **Virginia**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Race: **White**
 Sex: **Male**
 Home owned: **Own**
 Able to read: **Yes**
 Able to Write: **Yes**
 Image: **41**
 Neighbors:
 Household Members:

Name	Age
<u>Willis H Thorniley</u>	79
<u>Minerva A Thorniley</u>	73

Source Citation: Year: 1920; Census Place: *Marietta, Washington, Ohio*; Roll *T625_1447*; Page: *3A*; Enumeration District: *193*; Image: *41*.

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: .

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.

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- **ID:** I104861844
- **Name:** WILLIS HALL THORNILEY
- **Given Name:** WILLIS HALL
- **Surname:** THORNILEY
- **Sex:** M
- **Birth:** 29 Oct 1841 in Washington Co, Ohio
- **Death:** 1 Feb 1928 in Marietta Twp, Washington Co, Ohio
- **Burial:** Valley Cem, Marietta Twp, Washington Co, Ohio

■ Ancestry Hints for **WILLIS HALL THORNILEY**

7 possible matches found on Ancestry.com



Father: [PHILLIP VAN THORNILEY](#) b: 14 Dec 1799 in New York, New York

Mother: [Nancy Chapman MARTIN](#) b: 6 May 1811 in Tyler Co, Virginia

Marriage 1 [MINERVA ANN BESWICK](#) b: 22 Dec 1846 in Washington Co, Ohio

- **Married:** 12 Sep 1869

Children

1. [PAUL VAN THORNILEY](#) b: 13 Aug 1870
2. [THOMAS BESWICK THORNILEY](#) b: 25 Dec 1871
3. [WILLIS TODD THORNILEY](#) b: 14 Sep 1873 in Washington Co, Ohio
4. [WILLARD JEROME THORNILEY](#) b: 11 Oct 1875 in Washington Co, Ohio
5. [MYRTLE AUGUSTA THORNILEY](#) b: 21 Oct 1877 in Washington Co, Ohio
6. [FRANCES PLUMER THORNILEY](#) b: 6 Dec 1879 in Washington Co, Ohio

7. [JOHN A. LOGAN ,SR. THORNILEY](#) b: 18 Sep 1886 in Van Buren Co, Iowa

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