

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Neal

Samuel Wakefield - Represented Henry and Washington Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place .. 27 Feb 1844 Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place

① May M. Lee 25 Nov 1875 Crawfordsville, Iowa

② Myrtle Knapp 16 Aug 1911

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities

C.A.R.; Knights of Pythias

C. Profession

Editor of "Washington Gazette" newspaper, Washington, Iowa;  
farmer; teacher

4. Church membership

Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served

34<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1911, 1913

6. Public Offices

A. Local

Clerk of the district court for 4 years, Washington County clerk 1890-1894

B. State

Lawyer of the state senate 1909

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

7. Death

16 Nov 1916 Washington, Iowa; buried Elm Grove Cemetery, Washington, Iowa

8. Children

Wileen (Mrs Robert A. Beaton)

9. Names of parents

Caldwell and Maria Louisa (Anderson) Neal

10. Education Educated in the schools of Crawfordville  
and Washington, Iowa and Howard Academy at  
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa

11. Degrees Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa  
attended until the Civil War.

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He came with his parents to Washington County at age one  
year settling near Crawfordville, Iowa in 1845 raised on a farm.
- Military service - Civil War - Company I, 25<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry
- After the war he taught school and farmed.
- He was quite a musician!
- At one time he was one of the publishers of The Washington  
County Gazette newspaper
- First wife, Mary, died Feb 1905.







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## S. W. NEAL FUNERAL SATURDAY AT 2:00

SERVICE WILL BE HELD IN THE  
METHODIST CHURCH AT 2 P. M.—  
INTERMENT IN ELM GROVE.

The funeral service of the late S. W. Neal will be held tomorrow, Saturday, afternoon at two o'clock in the Methodist church, conducted by the Rev. J. A. Glendinning, assisted by other local ministers. Interment will be in Elm Grove cemetery. The casket will be open to friends at the church tomorrow afternoon between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock.

The death of Mr. Neal robs the community of one of its finest characters, one of its truest Christian gentlemen and his passing leaves a void that will never be filled. He was a man of gentle qualities and yet stern enough to have offered his services on the battle fields of his country. He was a citizen of prominence, the prominence being based upon value, the richest kind of notoriety. Always in his life in Washington he was identified with the best movements that became a part of our development. He was effective in his church work, devoted to his political obligations and socially he was always a great favorite. He was a splendid story teller, had a keen sense of humor, but sarcasm and invective were strangers in his vocabulary. His heart was tenderly inclined always toward the needy, the distressed, the unfortunate. He loved his fellowmen and he will be remembered in Washington for many years to come by boys and girls, grown to mature years, who will think of him as he was when they were young and needed and received the kind of encouragement which he was always ready to give to those who would receive.

Mr. Neal's full name was Samuel Wakefield Neal. He was born in Pennsylvania Feb. 27th, 1844. When he was but one year old his parents came to Washington county and settled near Crawfordsville and this county was Mr. Neal's home until the time of his death. He attended school in Crawfordsville as a boy, later attended school in Washington, going to the old college, and he also attended the Iowa Wesleyan college at Mt. Pleasant. His college career was interrupted by the war and as a mere boy he enlisted and served to the end of the war.

After the war he returned to the Crawfordsville community and engaged in farming, altho at intervals he taught school and also taught singing school. He was a fine musician and in the days of the old "singing school" Mr. Neal was one of the most popular singing school leaders in this part of the state. He was called from his farm life into the office of county clerk of Washington county for two terms and later he became one of the publishers of the Washington County Gazette, being associated with D. H. Logan. He was a pleasing writer and his cordial nature made him a strong, aggressive worker in the newspaper field.

In politics Mr. Neal was a republican; in religion a Methodist. He was

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for many years very prominent in work in the local Methodist church and held the position of superintendent of the local Methodist Sunday school for over ten years. It was during his time that the Sunday school was built up to a point where it held the state record for membership and attendance. Mr. Neal was chosen secretary of the state senate of Iowa for two sessions and following that he was the choice of Washington and Henry counties as their representative in the upper house in the 34th and 35th general assemblies. It was during his last session in the senate that his health began to fail him and he never regained his strength but gradually declined. About a year ago he had an attack of the grippe and that seemed to leave him in an increasingly enfeebled condition. He declined gradually until the end came yesterday. Mr. Neal is survived by his wife and one daughter, Helen. He was married twice. Soon after the war he was wedded to Miss May Leo who died in February, 1905, August 16, 1911, he was wedded to Miss Myrtle Knapp, of Greenfield, who with their little daughter, Helen, survives. Mr. Neal was the last of his family, all his brothers and sisters preceding him to the grave. A host of friends in this community join in their expressions of sympathy for the bereaved wife and daughter.

### LOCAL NEWS

- Read The Evening Journal.
- Chicken dinner Saturday at Degan's.
- Home baking at Warren's Cash Grocery Saturday.
- If you need a suit buy it now at 1/4 off at Rothschild's.
- The Misses Gardner of Wellman are shopping in the city today.
- Attend the Demonstration Warren Cash Grocery Saturday.
- Yep, we are doing it, giving one-fourth off on new cloaks, Rothschild's.
- G. F. Kullema expects to leave this evening for Kalamazoo, Mich., to spend a few weeks with relatives.

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Department of Iowa  
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Neal, Samuel Wakefield

War

Residence S. Iowa Ave., Washington, Iowa

Battles, etc.

Occupation

Nearest relatives

Date birth Feb 27, 1844 Place Westmoreland Co. Penn.

Grandfather: John Neal  
Grandmother: Sarah Walker  
Father: Caldwell S. Crawford Co. Nativity Pa

Date death Nov 16, 1916 Place Washington, Iowa  
Cause Place burial Washington, Ia

Mother Mariah Anderson Nativity Ia  
m. 1836

War record Pvt. I 25 Iowa Inf.  
Rank Company Regiment State Organization

Wife 1st - May [unclear] Daniel Lea  
2nd Myrtle Knapp (m. [unclear] P. [unclear])  
Children  
Helen (m. Robt. L. Branton)

Age 18 Res. Crawfordsville

Enlisted 1 Ag 1862

Trans to Invalid Corps.,

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Source Roster Iowa Soldiers: (Samuel N)

Discharged

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Place

Department of Iowa  
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Neal, Samuel W

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Offices of honor in G. A. R.

N. L. McKinnie 213(25) Crawfordsville 5 May 1883  
Disch 8 Jan 1889

Ishmael G. White 108(138) Washington  
Tr. 16 N 1915

See extensive family history &  
1946 correspondence Vertical File

Myers 39(173) Greenfield cd Nov 20, 1915

1856 Iowa Census: shows Caldwell, age 40  
born Penn. His wife, Mariah, age 43, b. Ia  
chi Warren, age 17, Marian, & dau. age 15,  
Wakefield, Member-at-Large  
age 12 and Cassius M., age 10, all born

Year Date Paid Amount Year Date Paid Amount  
Iowa Official Register: 1 Senator 24th G. A. Electd  
1910- born Westmoreland Co.; Penn - moved to Iowa  
Washington County 1845. error must have been 1852

Fenn.  
Washington County Hist. 1880 says  
Caldwell Neal was born 1813 Crawford  
Co., Pa m. Mariah Anderson 1836  
and came to Belmont Co., Ohio, thence  
to Iowa in 1839 and settled home-  
stead in 1843.

His father Caldwell Neal - and a Joseph, John and  
Thomas came to Iowa locating in Crawfordsville Twp  
1839

Iowa Census for 1860 shows Caldwell (for Caldwell  
as shown in the Washington County history) - age 46  
a farmer, born Penn his wife Maria, age 46 - children  
Warren, age 21, b. Pa; Wakefield, age 16, b. Ia and  
Cassius age 14, b. Ia (error) 1860 Census: b. Pa.

Suspended Died

Sam. W. Neal was State senator - died at age 73.  
Was prominent citizen of Washington Co. Supt M.E.  
S.S. - returned to Washington in August 1916.

Outline of Personal History of

S. H. Neal,

RESIDENCE Washington, Iowa

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

837, 353h

The Historical Department of Iowa

DES MOINES, IOWA

EDGAR R. HARLAN, CURATOR

(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) Samuel Wakefield Neal
2. Chief occupation or profession Editor
3. Former occupation or profession Farmer
4. Date and place of beginning each Farming near Lyndon Washington Ia  
Editor Washington Ia 1898
5. Present residence address Washington Ia
6. Present business address
7. Date of birth Feb 27 - 1844
8. Place of birth Westmoreland Co Pa
9. If born abroad, where
10. Emigrated to America, when
11. First migrated to what state and county, whether born abroad or in America Came to Washington Ia 1845
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 Samuel Smith's two school and  
Normal Reading Mt Pleasant Ia
15. Date of graduation and degree if any The school did not give diploma  
at the time I attended



16. Place of death
17. Date of death
18. Place of burial
19. Name of father in full (all names) *Holdenell Neal*
20. Occupation of father *farmer*
21. Full Maiden name of mother (all names) *Maria Louisa Anderson*
22. Residence when married *Pa*
23. Military service, if any (exact dates) *Co. D 2nd Iowa Inf.*  
*Enlisted Aug 1862 was discharged 1864*
24. Political offices, (from the smallest to the largest, with dates)  
*was County Clerk of Washington Co. Ia. Pa*  
*Jan 1892 to 1894*
25. Director or trustee of financial, religious and educational institutions
26. Politics *Republican*
27. Religious denomination if any *Methodist Episcopal*
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  
*99 R - K of P and MWA*
31. Member of what clubs if any
32. Belonged to what firms (give names in full and dates if possible)  
*Firm 1893 to 1907 firm Logan & Neal*
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 *Miss Mary M Lee*
2. Date of marriage *March 24 - 1876*
3. Place of marriage *Crawfordsville Ia*
4. Date of his or her birth *May 14 - 1858*
5. Place of his or her birth *Andover Ia*
6. Religious denomination *Methodist*
7. Date of his or her death *Feb 18 - 1906*
8. Place of his or her death *Washington Pa*
9. Place of his or her burial *Wm. M. Lee*
10. Father's full name *Daniel J Lee*
11. Born where and when *Kentucky*
12. Occupation of his or her father *P. M.*
13. His or her mother's full name *Catherine Steets*
14. Born when and where.....
15. Parents' residence at time of their marriage *Crawfordsville Ia*
16. Miscellaneous remarks on their family.....

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| 1. To whom married second time ..... | 9. Place of his or her burial .....                    |
| 2. Date of marriage .....            | 10. Father's full name .....                           |
| 3. Place of marriage .....           | 11. Born where and when .....                          |
| 4. Date of his or her birth .....    | 12. Occupation of his or her father .....              |
| 5. Place of his or her birth .....   | 13. His or her mother's full name .....                |
| 6. Religious denomination .....      | 14. Born when and where .....                          |
| 7. Date of his or her death .....    | 15. Parent's residence at time of their marriage ..... |
| 8. Place of his or her death .....   | 16. Miscellaneous remarks on their family .....        |

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IN THE BEGINNING THERE WAS LAND:

# A History of Washington County, Iowa

By  
Kathy Fisher

Sketches By  
Edna Jones

The Washington County Historical Society  
Washington, Iowa

1978

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DES MOINES, IOWA 50319



**Dr. M.L. McCree, 1978**

During calendar year 1977, according to information provided by hospital administrator Norman Jensen, 1,744 patients were admitted to the county hospital's facilities; there also were 225 births at the hospital and 1,501 accident cases treated. The hospital employs 20 registered nurses and six practical nurses, and is served by 10 doctors. The budget for fiscal year July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1979, is \$2,022,138.



**The Washington County Ambulance, operated by Karl Jones, is one of the best equipped and most efficient in the state.**

### HOW WE LIVED

Life-styles have changed greatly in the past 140 years, and perhaps a few random items from the county's papers will best illustrate those changes and bring this history to a close:

*Press* May 28, 1856: (a letter from Yatton) "Mr. Wheeler affirms that I have left him with out just cause. This I deny. Surely the holding of an axe over my head and bidding myself and daughter to leave

his home is an excuse for seeking asylum among strangers. — Sarah Wheeler."

*Press* November 11, 1863: "On Thursday last a couple from the vicinity of Crawfordsville called at Thos. D. Melville's grocery store and inquired if they could be married there. Rev. Mr. Thomas was sent for and the two 'were made one flesh' in short order. Several citizens were in the store and the health of the pair was drunk in good cider, apples were passed around and a good time enjoyed."




**Some "old settlers" of Crawfordsville (picture taken about 1900). Front: Mrs. & Mr. W.A. McCall, Mary Ann Rankin Walker, Christopher Harper. 2nd row: Mary Goble Maxwell, Mrs. & Mr. John Smylie, Mrs. & Mr. Frank Strain. 3rd row: Tressa Cunningham, Sarah Crawford, Henderson Manners, J.W. Harper. 4th row: Mrs. & Mr. Marion Neal, Mrs. Nettie Strain, S.P. Gordon, S.W. Neal.**

*Press* October 11, 1865: "The butter market is at its pranks again. It invariably gets scarce and high just when a body wants it most. It has gone up to 30c and scarce at that. The method adopted by our citizens is to distribute a plate at each of the stores, numbered and marked, and perhaps during the week one will catch a little butter. We met a friend the other morning with an armful of plates, which he had gathered up, the top one having on it a few pounds."


*Press* April 3, 1867: "A remarkable change in fashion is the introduction of the 'short' dress. It frees the woman of all obstacles of walking and out door exercise without offending their taste or scruples. With soled walking boots now in vogue it furnishes a costume for the street. How long will this fashion last?"

*Press* January 8, 1868: (O. E. Brown writing about a visit to a bachelor in Jackson township) "On entering his chebang we find him sitting in the middle of the floor, mending his breeches, while the Tom cat, with tail erect, is purring around his back, apparently proud of his master. The old dog lies close to the stove among the milk crocks, kettles, old bones and dishcloths. Pantaloons are mended and toilet arranged in a jiffy. Preparations are being made for supper: a chicken is killed and scalded in the bread tray; the feathers are taken off and put under the stove to dry; one leg and foot are left on



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ID: I8479

Name: Samuel W. NEAL

Sex: M

Birth: 27 FEB 1846

Note: Iowa cemetery records has him born 27 Feb 1844

Death: 16 NOV 1916

Burial: Elm Grove, Washington, Iowa

Change Date: 2 MAR 2003

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## U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles

Name: **Samuel W Neal**  
Residence: **Crawfordsville, Iowa**  
Age at enlistment: **18**  
Enlistment Date: **8 Jan 1862**  
Rank at enlistment: **Private**  
State Served: **Iowa**  
Survived the War?: **Yes**  
Service Record: **Enlisted in [Company I, Iowa 25th Infantry Regiment](#) on 28 Aug 1862.  
Mustered out on 01 Sep 1863.  
Transferred to on 01 Sep 1863.  
Mustered out on 08 Nov 1863 at Davenport, IA.**  
Birth Date: **abt 1844**  
Sources: **Roster & Record of Iowa Soldiers in the War of Rebellion**

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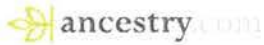
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## U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865

Name: **Samuel W. Neal**  
Side: **Union**  
Regiment **Iowa**  
State/Origin:  
Regiment Name: **25 Iowa Infantry**  
Regiment Name **25th Regiment, Iowa Infantry**  
Expanded:  
Company: **I**  
Rank In: **Private**  
Rank In **Private**  
Expanded:  
Rank Out: **Private**  
Rank Out **Private**  
Expanded:  
Film Number: **M541 roll 19**

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## NEAL, S.W.

**Born:** 2-27-1844  
**Died:** 11-16-1916  
**Cemetery:** ELM GROVE  
**Location:** WASHINGTON  
**County:** WASHINGTON CO. - IOWA  
**Record Notes:** C.W. VET

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### NEAL, May M.

**Born:** 5-14-1857  
**Died:** 2-18-1906  
**Cemetery:** ELM GROVE  
**Location:** WASHINGTON  
**County:** WASHINGTON CO. - IOWA  
**Record Notes:**

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