

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Brown, Walter B. Senator _____

Represented Clay, Osceola, O'Brien and Dickinson counties

1. Birthday and place 18 Mar 1839 New York

2. Marriage (s) date place _____

Hester Ann (Rogers) Hood 17 Jul 1858

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 18th General Assembly 1880

6. Public Offices

A. Local County superintendent of schools; clerk of the court; county treasurer; county recorder; county surveyor

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 20 Nov 1910 Nevada, Missouri;

8. Children _____

9. Names of parents Abel and Mary Ann (Brigham) Brown

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- His parents died in 1842 and 1844. He was raised by his grandmother Brigham until age 17
- He then went to Pennsylvania, then to Illinois and then to Indiana where he taught school
- In 1857 he came to Cedar Falls, Iowa and then to Fort Dodge, Iowa.
- While at Fort Dodge he learned of the Indian massacres at Spirit Lake. He and a friend traveled there for an adventure. He settled upon a claim at East Okoboji.
- He later returned to Fort Dodge and was there during the Indian massacre of 1862
- He remained on his Dickinson County farm until 1885 when he moved to Oregon for a year. He then returned and purchased a farm in Center Grove Township where he lived 4 years

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Walter B. Brown Laid To Rest

PROMINENT IN OFFICIAL HISTORY OF COUNTY

Passed Away At Daughters Home In Missouri. Remains Sent Here For Burial

BROWN. At the home of his daughter at Nevada, Missouri, November 20, 1910, at 6:30 o'clock, Hon. Walter B. Brown, aged 73 years. Mr. and Mrs. Brown left Spirit Lake only a few weeks ago to spend the winter in Missouri. Mr. Brown had been ailing but it was not considered of a serious nature. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Bell at the Presbyterian church, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Brown and her brother accompanied the remains here for burial. Hon. Walter B. Brown, was one of the most prominent characters in the official history of Dickinson county, Iowa. For years he was a prominent farmer located on section 17 of Center Grove township. He is a native of the state of New York and was born on March 18, 1839. His parents were Abel and Mary Ann (Brigham) Brown, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter born in the state of New York. Our subject's father was a Baptist minister and was the son of a farmer. The mother's father was a merchant and the family on both sides of the house were prominent citizens of the states in which they lived. To this union were born two children, Walter B. and Charles H. After the death of the parents in 1842 and 1844, Walter B. Brown lived with his grandmother Brigham until he attained the age of seventeen years. He then went to Pennsylvania and remained during the winter and in the spring went to Illinois and then to Wisconsin where he attended school and also engaged in teaching for some time. In the spring of 1857 he decided to see some of the western country and starting out came to Cedar Falls and then to Fort Dodge. Upon reaching Fort Dodge

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Center Grove Township
For the office of justice of the peace
there were 455 votes cast, of which
C W Price received 300 votes
Adam Uhley received 67 votes
Wood Allen received 85 votes
A F Bergman received 1 vote
H E Narey received 1 vote
L E Francis received 1 vote
For the office of constable there were
649 votes cast, of which
Ira Farr received 265 votes
A H Roerbeck received 235 votes
M G McClintock received 80 votes
C H Parker received 60 votes
Diamond Lake Township
For the office of justice of the peace
there were 59 votes cast, of which
Geo L Foote received 59 votes
For the office of constable there
were 83 votes cast, of which
E Albert received 45 votes
W A Wicks received 38 votes
Excelsior Township
For the office of justice of the peace
there were 92 votes cast, of which
W H Anderson received 43 votes
C C Gregory received 49 votes
For the office of constable there were
52 votes cast, of which
A C McMullen received 51 votes
C T Doerr received 1 vote
Lakeville Township
For the office of justice of the peace
there were 96 votes cast, of which
S E Parker received 26 votes
P F Wallace received 30 votes
Geo Holroyd received 23 votes
H P Crosby received 17 votes
For the office of constable there were
115 votes cast, of which
Wm Wallace received 72 votes
C A Harker received 18 votes
W C Harker received 24 votes
E Suloon received 1 vote
Lloyd Township
For the office of justice of the peace
there were 157 votes cast, of which
W H Kirby received 71 votes
John Tonsfeldt received 85 votes
E C Jones received 1 vote.
For the office of constable there
were 113 votes cast, of which
James Chapman received 96 votes
Thos H Behrens received 14 votes
Wm Rolf received 1 vote
M R Cruse received 1 vote
A B Cutshall received 1 votes
Milford Township
For the office of justice of the peace
there were 43 votes cast, of which
Sam Winey received 30 votes
C Calkins received 1 vote
Jack George received 1 vote

of 1857 he decided to see some of the
western country and starting out,
came to Cedar Falls and then to Fort
Dodge. Upon reaching Fort Dodge
he together with a companion learned
of the Indian massacre in Dickinson
county and also that a party had left
the village a short time before for the
scene of the Indian raid to bury the
dead and care for the wounded. Mr.
Brown and his companion hired a
guide and traveled up the west side of
the Des Moines river in search of the
adventure, in the meantime keeping a
lookout for the party that had gone to
the scene before. They came up the
west side of the river as the other
party returned on the east and upon
arriving at the scene of the disaster
found they were the only white men
in the entire country. They scouted
about for a few days and then came
around the East Okoboji lake and lo-
cated the claim on which our subject
settled upon afterwards. After re-
turning to Fort Dodge Mr. Brown re-
turned to this county to make his
home. He was here during the Indian
massacre of 1862, at which time he in
company with four others went up to
Belmont township, Jackson county,
Minnesota, from where they assisted a
party of twenty-five old men, women
and children to escape to Spirit Lake.
Mr. Brown remained on his first farm
until 1885, when he sold out and spent
a winter in Oregon. He remained
away from Dickinson county for about
a year then returned and purchased a
farm in Center Grove township which
he resided upon for years.
He was united in marriage to Hester
Ann (Rogers) Hook, on July 17, 1858.
No resident of Dickinson county
took a more active part in developing
the financial interests of the county
than did Mr. Brown. He was always
public spirited and lent his aid to all
worthy projects toward the improve-
ment of the county. Politically he in-
terested himself in the republican
principles. He was a member of the
Iowa legislature from this district in
1880, was county superintendent
of schools for four years, clerk of the
court four years, treasurer and record-
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1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **Walter B Brown**
 Home in 1900: Center Grove, Dickinson, Iowa
 Age: 63
 Estimated birth year: abt 1837
 Birthplace: New York
 Relationship to head-of-house: Head
 Spouse's name: Hester A
 Race: White
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Household Members:	Name	Age
	<u>Walter B Brown</u>	63
	<u>Hester A Brown</u>	63
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Description:

This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1900 United States Federal Census, the Twelfth Census of the United States. Census takers recorded many details including each person's name, address, relationship to the head of household, color or race, sex, month and year of birth, age, birthday, marital status, number of years married, the total number of children born of the mother, the number of those children living, birthplace, birthplace of father and mother, if the individual was foreign born, the year of immigration and the number of years in the United States, the citizen status of foreign-born individuals over age twenty-one, occupation, and more. Additionally, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual images of the 1900 Federal Census. [Learn more...](#)

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