

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Anderson George Mortimer Senator _____
Represented O'Brien and Lynn Counties Iowa

1. Birthday and place 13 Feb 1861 near Perry, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place

Carrie L. Parker 29 Feb 1885 Canton, South Dakota

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Vice-president of the Farmers' National Bank of Anwood;
Treasurer of the Northwestern Building and Loan Association of
Anwood

B. Civic responsibilities I.O.O.F.; Mason Commercial Club;
established and equipped Anwood Tourist Park

C. Profession Hardware merchant

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 27th, 28th General Assemblies 1898, 1900

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Anwood; Anwood city treasurer; member of
Anwood Board of Education

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 3 Dec 1923 Anwood, Iowa; buried Richland Cemetery, Anwood, Iowa

8. Children Helene

9. Names of parents G. J. Anderson

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- Moved with parents to a farm in Humboldt County Iowa in 1876
- 1879 - the family moved to Lyon County, Iowa on a farm near Anwood.
- Age 17 - he left to work in the carpenter trade and two years later he owned the lumber yard at Anwood, Iowa
- A few years later he gave up the lumber yard and established Anwood's first hardware business, ^{in 1887} which flourished for 15 years.
- After marriage, he and Cassie built a home in Anwood where they lived except for 1909-1910 in Bedford, OK.

MORT ANDERSON DOWN

Was Inwood's Best Friend and Fore-
most Citizen, Universally Loved at
Home and Highly Esteemed
by All.

About eight o'clock Monday morn-
ing the sad news was passed on the
street that Mort Anderson was stricken
and had passed over. To those who
had known him for so many years it
was a great blow and his friends who
had seen him and conversed with him
but a few hours before could scarcely
believe that it was true.

Mr. Anderson suffered a stroke on
October 30. It was considered a light
one and that with care and rest he
would get along all right and so it
seemed. He let go of the reins of busi-
ness as much as it is possible for a man
of his active life to do and either re-
mained at home or when he became
able took auto rides about the country
calling upon friends and acquaintances
and doing considerable visiting. As he
became stronger his friends became
more hopeful and on Sunday he ex-
pressed the feeling that he was feeling
as good as ever and felt able to resume
his work at the bank but thought that
possibly he had best wait awhile long-
er.

Monday morning he arose as usual
and attended to his duties about the
house and in the basement which he
insisted on looking after. He got his
car out and filled the radiator with hot
water and started the engine. He
looked after the battery and was about
ready to start to drive Helen to her
school in the country and planned to go
on from there to Canton for a call. He
was standing near the back of the car
when he was stricken. It is thought
that a blood clot caused a stoppage of
the heart. He never regained con-
sciousness and friends and neigh-
bors, who been summoned, carried
the lifeless form into his home.

It was and is a tremendous shock to
his wife, daughter and the members of
the household who watched him with
much anxiety since his spell of a month
ago. Mrs. Anderson has been especial-
ly worried and tried many times to sur-
vive him to take things more moder-

ately. Mort was born in the town
of Inwood, Iowa, on August 11, 1861.
For three years for Bagley & Cargill.
Finally in 1887 he established a hard-
ware store and about a year later his
brother, B. B. Anderson became as-
sociated with him in the business
which they conducted for a number of
years. Mort being the manager of the
store after Bert moved to Estherville to
conduct the grain business.

Mr. Anderson was united in marriage
with Carrie L. Baker at Canton,
S. D., July 29, 1885.

Mr. Anderson was unanimously elec-
ted mayor of Inwood in the early days
and was elected to a second term. He
held the office of city treasurer for a
couple of terms and has been a member
of the board of education at various
times. In 1898 he was nominated on



HON. G. M. ANDERSON

This portrait was taken some years
ago, but it is as we are glad to remem-
ber him.

the democratic ticket to the office of
state representative from this district
which at that time known as the 21st
district and comprised Lyon and Os-
ceola counties. He carried this rock-
ribbed republican district by a large
majority by the slender margin of a
single vote and well known integrity

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Masonic and Odd-fellows, fraternities
attended the services in a body and when
a section in the church was reserved for
for them. The Masses concluded the 1:23 P.
service at the grave. All places of busi-
ness were closed and business sus-
pended from two o'clock until after the
services at the grave.

The pallbearers were—Hon. T. E. ...
Moen, Jos. Welberg, D. Bahusen, H. C. ...
Bahusen, C. Ladd and George Castle.

The following obituary was read at
at the service this afternoon:

George Morton Anderson was born
F. B. 1861. At the time of his
birth his parents lived on a farm near
Perry, N. Y. In 1876 they moved with
their family to a farm in Winneshiek
County, Iowa. "Mort" as he was
familiarly called, was then 15 years old.
In 1879 they again moved to Lyon
County and built themselves a home on
a farm 4 miles southwest of what is
now Inwood, then only bare prairie.

Mort lived on the farm until 19 years
of age when he left to work at the
carpenter trade. After two years he
took charge of the lumber yard in In-
wood. A few years later he gave up
the lumber business and entered the
hardware business in the town, he con-

Mr. at
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HISTORY
REMINISCENCE AND BIOGRAPHY
OF
LYON COUNTY, IOWA

Embracing a Concise History of the County, with a Review of its Early Settlement, Organization, Growth and Development, together with Reminiscences of Early Settlers and Prominent Men; also Biographical Sketches of Hundreds of Prominent Old Settlers and Representative Citizens with a Review of their Life Work, their Identity with the Growth and Development of the County, Reminiscences of Personal History and Pioneer Life, and Other Interesting and Valuable Matter which Should be Preserved in History.

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Over in Richland township there were only a few settlers at this time. Two of the first were Aug. Klein and A. J. Warren. John Albertson came out from Wisconsin in 1869 and started the Albertson settlement between Beloit and Doon. Mr. Avends from Clayton county came out in 1870 and broke up the west half of section 30; put up pretty good buildings and started a fine grove. This grove could be seen for many miles, and was pointed out to the writer on his first trip to Lyon county, by a farmer living near Pattersonville (now Hull), in Sioux county. He called it the Sixmile Grove, being six miles from Beloit. I can

remember my first visit from Beloit to Doon. After leaving this Sixmile Grove I passed only three houses on that road to Rock river, being the houses of John Albertson, Paul Sander-son and Syver Syverson.

Jas. Skewis was an early settler in Richland township. Mr. Skewis has raised a family of boys and girls which he is proud of. The oldest daughter married Mr. W. W. Prichard, the founder of Inwood, and its first businessman. The youngest daughter is editor and publisher of the *Inwood Herald*. W. J., E. J., F. H., C. A., E. A. and Geo. A. are all good businessmen.

Wm. Oats, with his sons, Harry, Will and Albert, was also an early settler. Gunden Everson (dead), G. E. Everson, Ed Simmons, Thos. Jacobson, K. T. Jacobson, Ole Erickson, Erick Erickson, A. F. Foss (dead), Thos. Warren (dead), J. H. Johnson, S. Sanvin, H. Halvorson (dead), Halvor Severson, Edward Baker, John Raftman, Erick Thompson, D. S. Sanvin, John Sanvin, Severt Gregorson, C. D. Andrews, E. Albertson, A. W. Albertson, Albert Albertson, J. L. Washburn, J. P. Negus, Chas. Sherman, Jas. White, Enoch Tobiason, all of Richland township.

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