

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Walter, Paul M. Senator _____

Represented Hardin County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 14 Dec 1904 Beaman, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mary Brindle 17 June 1927 Conrad, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He served on the board of the Union - Hitler State Savings Bank
for several years

B. Civic responsibilities Kiwanis Club; Lions Club; Mason

C. Profession Farmer; Livestock feeder; bank director

4. Church membership Friends

5. Sessions served 53rd 54th 55th 56th 57th 58th 59th 60th General Assembly
1949, 1951, 1953, 1955, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963

6. Public Offices

A. Local Hardin County Iowa Bureau President 2 years

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 25 Sept 1996 Marshalltown Iowa; buried Chester Cemetery near New Providence, Iowa

8. Children Darlene (Mrs. Dallas Hillman); Marilyn (Mrs. Gene
Stover - Eitheim)

9. Names of parents Harvey and Iona (Shoenaker) Walter

10. Education Educated in schools of Beaman, Iowa
graduating in 1922

11. Degrees Graduate of Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa in 1927 with
BS in agriculture economics.

12. Other applicable information Republican.

- After marriage, he and his wife moved to rural Conrad,
Iowa where they farmed until 1929 when they moved to
a farm near Union Iowa.

- 1983 - moved to Marshalltown

- His wife, Mary L. born 26 Aug 1906, died 5 Jul 2001 at
Marshalltown, Iowa, also buried in Chester Cemetery near
New Providence, Iowa.

school, died Monday, Sept. 23, 1996 at her home.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 11 a.m. at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA. Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements are being handled by the Money & King Vienna Funeral Home in Vienna.

She was born May 22, 1913, daughter of the late Phillip Otho Dyer Guthrie and Lila Mangus Guthrie. Following graduation

Paul Walter, 91

Paul Walter, 91, longtime rural Union resident and Republican member of the Iowa House of Representatives from 1949-1964, died Wednesday morning at the Embers Retirement Center in Marshalltown.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Sept. 28, 1996 at 11 a.m. at the Chester Friends Church near New Providence

with the Rev. Lawrence Bailey officiating. Burial will be in the Chester Cemetery. Friends may call at the Biersborn Funeral Home in Union from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Paul Walter was born December 14, 1904 near Beaman. He graduated from Beaman High School in 1922 and then from Iowa State University, Ames, in 1927 with a BS degree in agriculture economics.

Mary Brindle became his wife on June 17, 1927, in rural Conrad. After their marriage, they farmed near Conrad. In 1929 they moved to their farm near Union.

He served in the Iowa House of Representatives and was active in the Republican party. For the last 13 years they have lived in Marshalltown at the Lincoln Towers and later, the Embers Retirement Center.

He was a member of the Chester Friends Church, where he served as superintendent of the Sunday school and was also a Sunday school teacher. He was a charter member of the Kiwanis club in Union, was a member of the Marshalltown Lions club and Farm Bureau member. He was also active in the Red Cross.

And, for the most part, it is being supported by our area residents.

There is a continual need for volunteers, and I have suggested that groups volunteer for a week at a time - not just kids, but adults as well. And the best part about it is that you get to see the movie free!

Next week is the time when the judges with the Iowa Community Betterment program come to the communities entered in the competition to check out the individual projects.

It's no secret that the restoration of the Grand Theatre is Eldora's entry in the competition this year. With the number of volunteer hours associated with this effort - well, it seems difficult to find another project which has brought as much community involvement as has this.

Yes, it is true that John Farmer and Ruben Camacho are the kingpins in this operation - it has definitely been a labor of love for them. But, their enthusiasm has spilled out into the area, and everyone has caught the "Grand Theatre" fever. It seems as though all the service groups, all the individuals who never were involved in a community project before, were snagged by this restoration.

Last time I went to the Grand, a fellow from Whitten came by and said, "I don't think I was ever in this theatre before, is it much like it was before?" I smiled and said that much of the interior was restored - at least, as much as possible. He

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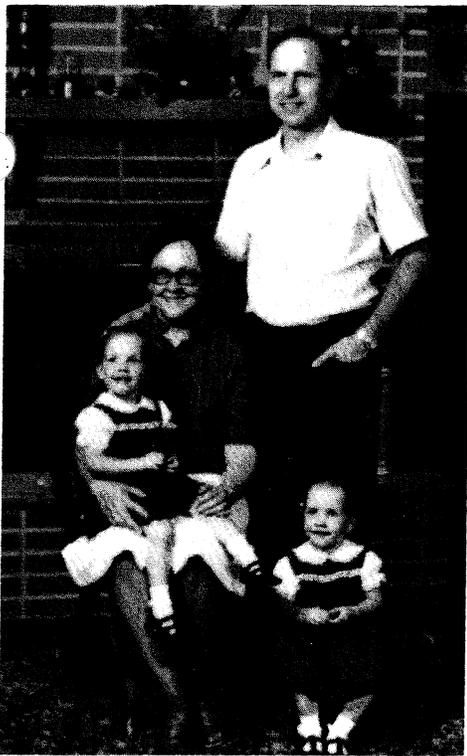


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Terry and Ellen Visser Family.

century farm near Brooklyn, Iowa. Her brother and father are still farming there.

My parents, the John Vissers who live in Sioux Center, Iowa are the children of Dutch immigrants. Neither of my grandmothers spoke English, although they lived in Iowa over 40 years.

One of our hobbies is cutting wood with a gas back-up system. We hope to have solar heat in the future.

We enjoy the Iowa River, the beautiful scenery, living on its banks and picnicking in the parks around this area. We're very "family" minded and enjoy doing things together and taking the little girls with us more than we leave them behind. It's been a joy watching them grow and become interested in the world around them. *by Terry Visser*

Anis Vroman



Ula, Anis Vroman with grandson.

I Ula Marie Huist (Vroman) was born Sept. 2, 1907 in Salom township, Hardin County at the Henry Tordoff residence, Dr. Lewis in attendance. I weighed 1 pound and 6 ounces and was 9 inches long. My grandmother Rose Tordoff put me in a shoe box with cotton around me. She placed the shoe box on the old fashioned warming shelf of the cook stove. At night she put a jar of hot water in the foot of the box, covered it and kept me warm all night. I

was given my food by a medicine dropper. The food was Mellons food. It is not on the market anymore. They carried me on a pillow. When I was 2 weeks old I went to my Aunt Abbie Stewert to keep from getting the whooping cough for it was in the neighborhood. I stayed with my aunt for several weeks. The late Dr. J. Johnson came to Alden when I was around 2 weeks or so old. He was my doctor because Dr. Lewis moved away. I went to the Alden School.

August 22, 1925 I married Anis Vroman. We will be married 56 years this coming August.

We farmed for many years then moved to Georgetown, then moved into Iowa Falls and later sold our house to Joe's Super Value to make room for the new store. We now live in the all metal, Lustron, house on Washington Avenue near the West edge of Iowa Falls.

We have 4 children, 1 girl and 3 boys. The daughter is the oldest, her name is Bettyanne Frizzell. She is a bookkeeper for a Hyvee store in Cedar Rapids, Ia. She lives with her husband Robert Frizzell in Marion, Iowa.

William A. Vroman lives in Waterloo, Ia. with his wife Glennie. They have 3 daughters and 3 grandchildren. He works for Rath and she is a secretary for a lawyer in Waterloo.

Richard K. Vroman lives in Iowa Falls. His wife is Mary Ann. They have 2 daughters and 1 granddaughter. Richard works for Iowa Power Light Co.

Myland A. Vroman and his wife Judy and 2 children live in Owatonna, MN. He works as a meat cutter for the Hyvee store in Owatonna and she is a teacher helper in the Owatonna School.

Our granddaughter Luanna (Vroman) Pearce is a registered nurse and works for the University Hospital in Iowa City. She works in the intensive care for the new-born babies. She has a baby in her department that weighed 1 pound and 2 ounces. The baby is a girl. Luanna said, "Grandma I can see how little you were." I also crocheted a pair of booties for this small baby. I made the foot part only 1 1/2 inches long. They went up to the baby's knees. The baby is now 3 months old and weighs over 2 pounds. *by Ula Vroman*

Paul Walter Family

The Paul Walter family moved from Vienna Township, Marshall County, Iowa to Providence Township, Hardin, County, in March 1929 to a 220 acre farm south of the Chester Church four miles west of Union. They later purchased the farm along with other land.

Their family consists of Paul, his wife Mary (Brindle), daughter Darlene, who was born in Marshall County in 1928, and Marilyn, born in 1932 near Union.

Darlene married Dallas Williams and they farm south of New Providence. They have four children, Cynthia, Marvin, Mark and Mary Carole, also four grandchildren.

Marilyn, their second daughter, married Lyle Stover and they farm near Conrad, and also own and operate a gift shop in Cedar Rapids. They have four children, Greg, Doug, JoEllen and Paul, and one grandchild.

On the Walter farm they feed cattle and hogs. They raise mostly corn and soybeans.

They were active in functions of the Chester Church. Paul was Sunday School Superintendent for several years, also taught Sunday School classes. Mary taught Sunday School classes, and was on the Ministry and Council for several years. She was also active with different offices in the Missionary Society.

They were also active in local, county and state affairs. Paul was county Farm Bureau President two years and served on the State Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee. He also served on the Union-Whitten State Savings Bank Board for several years. He was elected to serve Hardin County as State Representative and served from 1949 through 1964.

Mary held several different offices in the Legislative Ladies League while Paul served in the legislature. Our family was active in 4-H work. Mary was leader and her team won a trip to the Chicago International in 1932. Darlene won a trip to the Chicago International in 1945 because of her record

book and other 4-H achievements.

In 1964 they rented their farm and retired. Since that time they have developed a hobby of gemstone and fossil collecting. They have lived most of the time in California and Arizona. The last two years they have lived near Cave City, Arkansas. They have belonged to Gem and Mineral Clubs and have hunted in many different locations in most of the western states west of the Mississippi River. They have a collection of over 500 different rocks, fossils, artifacts and a few primitives in the Historical building in Eldora.

Paul is the son of Warren S. and Iva (Shoemaker) Walter who lived in the northeast part of Marshall County.

Mary is the daughter of John P. and Effie (Hadley) Brindle who lived in Hardin County several years on the farm south of Chester Church. Five generations of Mary's family have lived on this same farm. Namely, Jeremiah S. Hadley, his son Henry M. and wife Temy (Tulbert) Hadley, their daughter Effie (Hadley) Brindle and her daughter Mary (Brindle) Walter, and their daughters, Darlene and Marilyn. Eighty acres of the original farm was purchased in 1856, so was awarded the honor of being a Century Farm.



Paul and Mary Walter.

Charles J. Walters

Charles J. Walters was born to Henry and Charlotta (Ziemke) Walters on a farm in Grant Township on January 26, 1887. His folks farmed in South Dakota several years before coming to Hardin County. His mother drove two horses pulling a covered wagon and took care of his older sister, Anna (Frank) Wolford and brother, Albert. His dad rode horseback and drove what cattle they had.

Charles was born in the house or shelter they built when they arrived, located halfway between New Providence and Zearing. Other children born after arriving in Iowa were Hank, Frank, Jesse, Grace (Glen) Deihl, Marie (James) McCoy, Ruth (Homer) Buffington and Clara (Joe) Buffington. Ruth and Clara's husbands were brothers.

Charles married Anna Daleske in Eldora on October 18, 1917. Anna was the daughter of Albert and Augusta Daleske. She attended Eldora school until fifth grade, then country school at Norwood, west of Eldora. When 19 years of age, she worked in Eldora until marriage.

After marriage, they rented one of Charles' dad's farms southwest of New Providence. On May 13, 1918, he was unexpectedly drafted into the army and served in France with the 88th Division. His eldest daughter, Dorothy, was born the day before he left for New York to be shipped to France where he was close to the front lines when the armistice was signed on November 11, 1918. He arrived back on Hardin County soil on May 21, 1919, with a discharge. While he was gone, Anna and baby stayed on the farm and Charles' folks took care of the crops. They continued to farm for eight years on this farm and Bob and Lucille were born there, too.

In 1926, they purchased the Whiting farm 3 1/2 miles northeast of Eldora and four more boys were born.

Norman, Infant		dau of David H & Sadie
Norman, Sadie	1873-1953	
Pierce, Geo	1847-1925	
Pierce Theodore F.	28 Apr 1906-19 Nov 1953	SFI US NR WWII
Pierce, Elizabeth Border	1871-1948	
Pierce, Geo T.	1826-1900	
Pierce, Infant	d. 1 Nov 1895	son of G. L.
Pierce, John W.	1863-1926	
Pierce, M. Olive	1893-1965	
Pierce, Mary A.	1830-1894	
Pierce, Mary Ann		(broken old slab stone)
Pierce, Mattie E.	1857-1895	
Pierce, Mattie L.	7 Oct 1871-4 Aug 1936	
Pierce, Samuel L.	15 Sep 1861-7 June 1925	
Pierce, Wm.	d. 14 Dec 1878	
Reece, Della	20 Sep 1886-18 Jan 1968	
Reece, Dollie B.	1882-1967	
Reece, Edith	1913-1917	
Reece, Elizabeth	24 Nov 1840-27 Jan 1911	
Reece, Elizabeth	1922-1923	dau of Thos. & Della
Reece, G. Eugene	1859-1928	
Reece, Howard	1919	infant son of Thos. & Della
Reece, Iris	8 Apr 1925-2 Dec 1973	
Reece, John Everett	d. 30 May 1918	
Reece, Lawrence	10 Jul 1914-18 Mar 1915	
Reece, Lucinda	1870-1954	
Reece, Luther R.	1877-1952	
Reece, Ruth E.	1914-1997	
Reece, S. Arthur	1875-1962	
Reece, Sarah V.	1887-19-	
Reece, Thomas	1879-1966	
Reece, Thomas W.	1911-1983	m. 15 Sep 1945
Reece, Verlee A.	1946-1952	
Reece, Wayne	21 Jul 1917	
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Shore, Baby	1916	
Shore, Calvin	4 Oct 1872-23 Jan 1902	
Shore, Calvin C.	1869-1937	
Shore, Elinor J.	1917-	
Shore, Michael	4 Dec 1940	Infant son of Wallace & Elinor
Shore, Novella	1878-19-	
Shore, Wallace C.	1910-1997	
Sisson, Charley	1872-1959	
Sisson, Dora J.	1880-19-	
Smitherman, Bradford O.	1906-1992	
Smitherman, Daniel A.	1935-	
Smitherman, Jessie M.	1907-1998	
Smitherman, Patricia J.	1933-1989	
Smitherman, Sandra Vicky	1948-1968	
Smitherman, Tracey Kay	3 Nov 1965	
Snodgrass, Nora	d. 7 Aug 1877, 10y 26d	dau of N M & M J
Spurgin, Bertha E.	3 Jan 1877-4 Jan 1877	dau of J & S H
Spurgin, Joseph	17 Jan 1841-18 Feb 1923	(son Samuel & Roseanna Duncan-Spurgin)
Spurgin, Susannah H.	28 Sep 1842-24 Aug 1898	wf Jos., dau Jas. & Lucy Gage-Lundy)
Stull, Ruth E.	26 Jul-1 Aug 1915	Infant
Unknown	9m 25d	(illegible)
Vestal, Cynthia	17 June 1909-30 Aug 1997	
Vestal, Floyd H., Sr.	11 June 1908-15 Oct 1995	
Vestal, Floyd Hayes, Jr	1934-1940	
Vestal, Lula V.	1878-1949	
Vestal, Sanford H.	1877-1959	
Walter, Mary L.	1906-1961	
Walter, Paul M.	1904-1996	
Warden, Miles D.	1858-1949	(nephew of Milton H. Worden)
Welch, Clara I.	1910-1984	
Welch, Richard W.	1910-	
White, Annie L.	1897-	
White, Arthur Dale	1926-1928	