

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Wathson, George J. Senator _____
Represented Winnebago, Hancock and North Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 19 Aug 1843 Adrian, Michigan

2. Marriage (s) date place

Delipine Wardell 3 Nov 1866 North County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities G.A.R.; Mason

C. Profession Druggist; merchant; real estate

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 20th General Assembly 1884

6. Public Offices

A. Local Elected sheriff in 1873 - 3 terms; elected postmaster in 1881 (resigned to enter the legislature); mayor of Northwood - one term; city councilman for several years

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 3 April 1913 El Reno, Oklahoma; buried Sunset Rest Cemetery, Northwood, Iowa

8. Children Herbert G.; Charles G.; Robert L.; Cortha G. (Mrs. Gunn); Kenneth E.

9. Names of parents Charles R. and Jane (Mathews) Wathson

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____ *Republican*

- *Military service - Civil War - 5th Iowa Infantry, discharged and re-enlisted in 5th Iowa Cavalry*
- *He came to Northwood, Iowa in 1865 where he engaged in the mercantile business*
- *In 1868 he opened the drug store in Northwood*
- *In 1889 he went south for his health and engaged in real estate business first at Vernon, Texas and later at El Reno, Oklahoma. He was postmaster at El Reno Jul 1897 - 1904 when stricken with paralysis*
- *His wife, Felipe, born circa 1843 in Rock County, Wisconsin, died 11 Sept 1891 in Okarche, Oklahoma*

HON. GEORGE F. WATSON

One of Worth County's Pioneer Settlers
Brave Soldier, Good Citizen

ANSWERED THE LAST ROLL CALL ON APRIL 3RD.

Northwood Business Man, Sheriff, Mayor
Postmaster, Representative
In the Early Days.

Hon. George F. Watson, a leading citizen of Northwood and Worth county in the early days, died on Thursday last, April 3rd, at the home of his son Postmaster Chas. G. Watson, El Reno, Oklahoma. He was born in Adrian, Mich., August 19, 1843, his parents being Charles R. and Jane (Mathews) Watson, natives of Philadelphia, but pioneer settlers of Winneshiek county, Iowa. In May of 1861, Mr. Watson, then a sturdy youth of 17 years, gladly gave up a position on an Iowa farm and enlisted in the Fifth Iowa Infantry, with which he served with distinction, participating in the engagements at New Madrid, Corinth, Iuka, siege and capture of Vicksburg, Champion Hill, Black River, etc. Having received an honorable discharge in August, 1864, he re-enlisted the following month in the Fifth Iowa Cavalry, with which crack regiment he saw great service at Spring Hill, Franklin, Nashville, Duck River, and the pursuit of Hood's scattered army across Tennessee into Alabama, contending with such dare-devil Confederate cavalry leaders as Gens. Wheeler and Forest. (For this account of his stirring war record and other phases of his eventful career we are indebted to the History of Worth county and to a copy of the El Reno Daily Democrat, kindly furnished by Mrs. Mary Beckett.)

In 1865 Mr. Watson arrived in Northwood when he engaged in mercantile business. In 1866, he was united in marriage to Felixine, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wardall, a lady of many graces of heart and character. To this union were born four sons and one daughter, all still living: Bert G., merchant at Chamberlain, S. D., Chas. G., postmaster at El Reno, Robert K. and Mrs. Carrie G. Gunn, of Great Bend, Kansas, and Kenneth E. Watson, Los Angeles. All are making good in life, a credit to their parents and the town in which they were born.

In 1868 Mr. Watson opened the pioneer drug store in Northwood. In 1873 he was elected sheriff, which office he held for three terms; in 1881 he was appointed postmaster, a position which he resigned upon being elected to the Iowa House

district in the fall of 1883. In regard to his legislative record we quote direct from the issue of El Reno Democrat above referred to:

"He served in the twentieth Iowa assembly which re-elected Allison to the United States senate, was chairman of different important committees, and was very active in the work of that session, but refused a renomination for the office. He was the author of the Iowa railroad law which compels railroads to run trains over the road where they hold a charter. The law was afterwards adopted by Wisconsin and many other states."

Besides holding the political offices and honors above referred to Mr. Watson was mayor of Northwood for one term and member of the council for several years, and was always prominent in Republican politics, local, state and national. He was a man who made an unusually fine appearance, and his popularity is attested by the fact that he held elective or appointive public office for much more than half his active life. He was one of the organizers of Post Rendall, G. A. R., and ranked high in Masonic circles.

During most of 1886 and '87 Mr. Watson was in the general merchandise business at Northwood in company with "Charley" Peterson, but was burned out in the fire of 1888. In the fall of '89 he went south on account of failing health, and engaged in real estate business, first at Vernon, Texas, and later at El Reno. At this point we are again obliged to quote the El Reno daily:

"Mr. Watson was appointed postmaster at El Reno in July 1897, in which capacity he served efficiently until 1904 when he was stricken with paralysis, when the active management was turned over to his son Charles G. Watson who completed his father's term, and was appointed postmaster in August, 1906." [Mr. Charles Watson is still postmaster of that enterprising city of some four or five thousand inhabitants; the position being held by father and son for upwards of fifteen years.]

For much of the time from 1883 to his dying day Mr. Watson was a great sufferer, and during the last five years a helpless and dependent invalid; but nothing, we are told, could destroy his interest in affairs or break his indomitable will. His life for the last few years was sustained by sheer will power; the "touch of grace" which ended the heroic struggle must have come as a blessed relief. There were impressive funeral services at El Reno, in which the Methodist and Baptist pastors participated. At Northwood on Sunday last the Masonic brethren, rank on rank, conveyed their comrade to his last long home, in Sunset Rest. The old soldier sleeps at last beside the faithful wife of his youth; with the flag he loved, and the G. A. R. and Masonic Emblems on his breast.

Peace to his ashes.

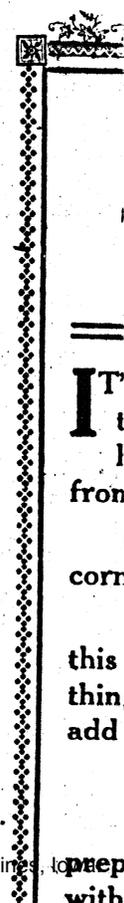
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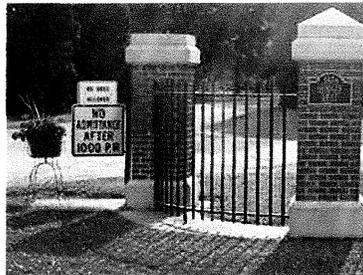
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Your legacy is seen in your
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George F. Wattson actually is
buried in Sunset Rest Cemetery in
Northwood, Iowa, not in North
Shell Rock Cemetery. Also, he died
in 1913, not 1943.

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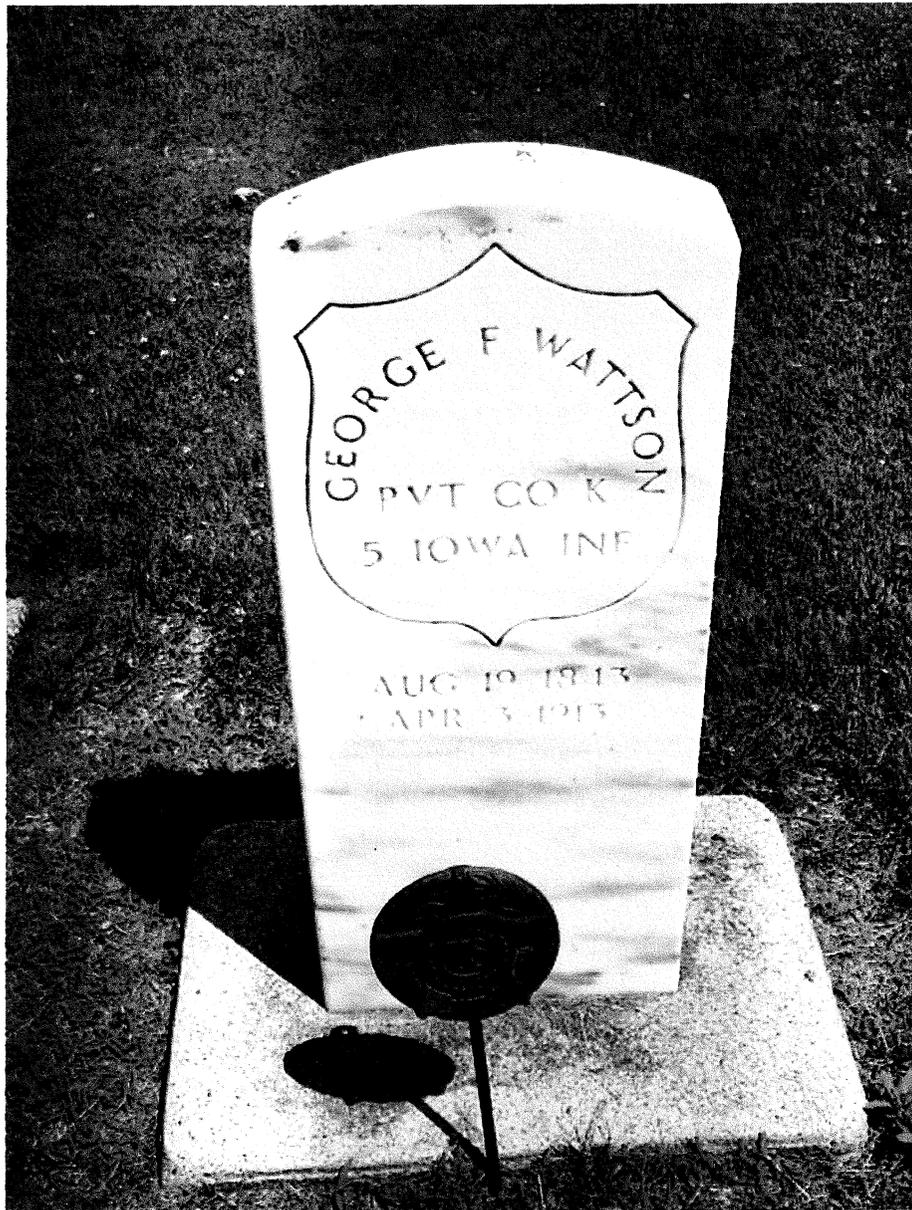
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- **ID:** I166528
- **Name:** George F. Wattson
- **Given Name:** George F.
- **Surname:** Wattson
- **Sex:** M
- **Birth:** 12 Aug 1843
- **Death:** 13 Apr 1913 in Northwood, Iowa (Worth)
- **_UID:** 10C5E0B349564400AA318BA0254E12FED451
- **Change Date:** 4 Feb 2008 at 15:41

Father: [Charles R. Wattson](#) b: 10 May 1810
Mother: [Jane Matthew](#) b: 5 Jan 1815 in .Saint Athans, Wales

Marriage 1 [Felexine Wardall](#) b: 1843 in Union, Wisconsin (Rock)

- **Married:** 4 Nov 1866
- **Change Date:** 4 Feb 2008

Children

1. [Claretta Gertrude Wattson](#) b: 12 Feb 1870 in Northwood, Iowa (Worth)

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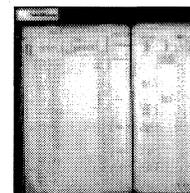
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Born: abt 1843 in Union, Rock, Wisconsin, USA
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Veteran's name Watson, George F.
 Residence Northwood
 Occupation
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 Date death Cause Place Place burial
 War record Pvt. K 5 Iowa Inf.
 Rank Company Regiment State Organization
 Age 18 Res. Earlville b. Mich.
 Enlisted. Date Place
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 Prom. 2d Corp; 1st Corp.
 See Co M 5th Cavalry

War

Battles, etc.

Nearest relatives

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Wife

Children

Sources
 Roster Iowa Soldiers: (George F)
 Post #142 Descriptive Book: Res Northwood

Discharged

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Veteran's name Watson, George F.
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