

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Newcomb Walter Senator _____

Represented Adams County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 5 April 1871 Corning, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mrs. Martha Okey 1 Sept 1892 Corning, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Sheriff

C. Profession Lumber and brick businessman; land interests

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 35th General Assembly 1913

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National State Senator of Adams for 16 years

7. Death 16 Mar 1946 Martinez, California; buried Walnut Grove Cemetery, Corning, Iowa

8. Children Ralph Vernon (died in Sept 1945); Arthur Perry;
Grace Joy (Mrs. Edwards)

9. Names of parents Ralph and Adeline Cecelia (Perry) Newcomb

10. Education Quoted in the Corning, Iowa public schools

11. Degrees Graduate of Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa in June 1892

12. Other applicable information Republican

- His wife, Alred, died in 1935, also buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery
- His parents were one of the pioneer families of Adams County, Iowa
- In 1917 he moved to Pocahontas, Idaho where he served as a state senator for 16 years
- In 1935 he moved to Port Chicago, California which was his home until his death after his wife died in 1935-



Walter Newcomb
of Corning

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rs. Oral Patterson of Grinnell, Iowa, and uncles, Mr. and Mrs. Vedmar, Mr. and Mrs. Arns of Palisade, Colo.; Mr. Edward Coulthard, Grinnell; Mr. Earl Stearns and Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong of Carbon, six relatives and a host of friends.

Services were held from the church last Friday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Services were in Rev. W. F. Biggerstaff and Burial was in Quincy cemetery.

The service was furnished by Don Routh, Lois Rowena Gebbie, with Vel-

Mae is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Patterson of Carbon, who was fatally injured last week when she fell under a road maintainer. The above photo was taken about a year ago.

ma Routh as pianist. Active pall bearers were Frances Ann Gallogly, Donna Gene Smith, Evelyn Bailiff, Barbara Cooper, Lola Bixler, Mary Lou Smith. Honorary pall bearers were Patsy Gebbie, Lorene Bixler, Beverly Smith, Beverly Bailiff, Betty Walton and Nadine Armstrong.

A new little flower is blooming,
In God's garden so fair,
A lovely, pure white blossom,
With a perfume. Oh so rare.

Though your hearts are grieved at her passing,
Dear ones do not despair,
Lift up your eyes toward Heaven,
For she's with Jesus there.

Out of the pain and suffering,
Into the Savior's love,
Out of the dark, drab ugliness
To a fairer land above.

The child God gave, she is not dead,
She stands at Heaven's door
So that your pull toward Heaven
Will be stronger than ever before.

Though your hearts may sometimes be lonely
The parting is not forever,
Come what will you must go through
And join your little treasure.

May your life be full and abundant,
That when you come to the close
of Life's day,
The first one you'll see on Heaven's shore
May be your little Cora Mae.

WALTER NEWCOMB

Walter Newcomb, son of Ralph and Adeine Newcomb, was born April 5, 1871 in Corning, Iowa, and passed away at his home in Martinez, California, March 16th, 1946, at the age of 74 years, 11 months and 11 days.

Mr. Newcomb graduated from the schools in Corning and then enrolled in Simpson College and graduated in June 1892.

On September first, 1892, he was united in marriage to Flora Okey. To this union three children were born; Ralph Vernon, Arthur P. and Grace J. His wife preceded him in death in 1935; and his son Ralph V. died in September 1945.

The parents of Mr. Newcomb were one of the pioneer families of Adams County, and were one of the very

faithful Christian families of the Corning Methodist Church. Walter and his family were likewise very faithful and loyal to the Methodist church. He served in the various offices of the Official Board and he gave to the church his time and talent to the best of his ability. For many years he and his wife took special interest in building up a good choir in the church.

Walter, like his father, was interested in the lumber and brick business; and for many years he had a lumber and brick business in Corning.

Mr. Newcomb served two terms as a State Representative. In 1917 he moved to Pocatello, Idaho. In that state he served as Senator for twelve years.

In 1935 he moved to Port Chicago, California which has since been his home. Walter was a thirty-two degree Mason and also a Shriner.

He leaves to mourn their loss, one son, Arthur P. Newcomb of Oakland, California; one daughter, Grace J. Edwards of Danville, California; also his brothers, Brandford of Waban, Massachusetts; Fred of San Diego, California; and Floyd C. of Omaha, Nebraska. His brother, Frank preceded him in death in 1917, nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mr. Newcomb has lived as a Christian gentleman, loved his family and his friends and wherever he went he had many friends because he, himself, was friendly. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Funeral services were conducted at the Corning Methodist Church, Wednesday afternoon, March 20th, at 2 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. V. A. Blomquist conducted the services. Burial was in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Pall bearers were Carlton Vernon, Ted Turner, Ralph Readhead, Homer McIlravy, Francis Turner, H. E. Hutchison.

MRS. HENRY BOATMAN

Mrs. Rachel Boatman, long time resident of Adams county, passed away at the home of her niece, Mrs. Elsie Basore, in Mt. Etna, March 25th, at the age of 83 years, 3 months and 15 days. Mrs. Boatman's passing leaves one less in the fast thinning ranks of Civil war wives, and will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends and neighbors in the community, who remember her as a kind friend to all.

Rachel Skidmore was born in Polk County, Iowa, December 10, 1862, the daughter of George and Clarinda Skidmore. In 1903 she was united in marriage to Henry Boatman, of Mt. Etna. Mrs. Boatman passed away November 12, 1923.

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Heritage

Are we struggling to be worthy
As along life's road we go.
If we're having serious problems
There's a thing we all should know.

Our heritage is not a face,
We put on or off at will.
No amount of money bought it,
No amount, will keep it still.

What we are and what we can be,
Is an attitude of mind.
Share life's story with each other,
Leaving selfishness behind.

When you leave a heritage to others,
You are planting God's good seed.
It may help in their life struggle,
And fulfill your own deep need.

By June Myers

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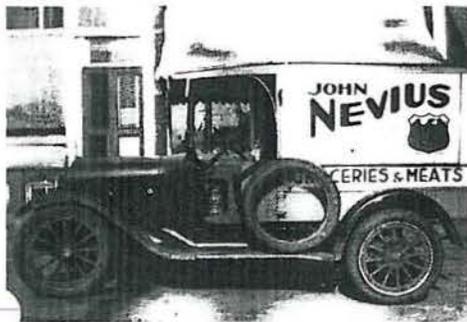
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Oct. 16, 1960. They are the owners of the Getty-Goodyear Service in Corning and have two daughters, Debbie (Mrs. James Hogan), and Diane. They also have one granddaughter, Chelsey Rae Ann Hogan. Mary Lee (10-14-1946) was married to William Brenton on August 28, 1965 and they have two daughters, Wendie Marie and Holly Jo. They make their home in Blair, Nebraska where Bill is employed with Inter-State Harvestore, Inc.

Donald Paul (10-28-1952) graduated from Dana College and has spent his years since as a teacher in Victoria, Australia. He is not married. His parents visited him in 1976 and toured Southeast Australia, including Sydney, Melbourne, and Canberra with him. On their return trip they visited Hawaii. Submitted by Harold Nevius

NEVIUS FAMILY

Joannes Nevius was born in Holland in 1627, came to America in 1647 and died in Brooklyn in 1672. He was the progenitor of the Nevius name in America and it has been found to be spelled over 150 different ways. Joannes was a man of good education and some distinction, having been secretary of New Amsterdam, but quite unlike officials of today, entered public office with some wealth and died in meager circumstances.



Nevius Grocery Delivery Truck

William McGuffin Nevius, tenth generation descendant of Joannes, was born in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa in 1853 and moved to Montgomery County, Iowa in 1870. In 1879 he married Sarah Murray and they farmed and raised their family near Frankfort, formerly the Montgomery County Seat, the land for which was deeded by Sarah's father. Six children were born to them, all of whom are deceased. In 1910 William and Sarah moved to a small farm south of Corning for their retirement years.

John Martin Nevius, Sr. (1889-1937) was the fourth child born to William and Sarah. On December 20, 1916 he and Bertha L. Gillet (1897-1974), daughter of Fred and Jennie Goldsmith Gillet, were married. John was employed as a culvert construction foreman during his early married years and often told of the men camping at their work sites only returning to Corning for the weekends. He later worked as a clerk in the C. H. John Grocery, a store which he later purchased and operated until his death. This store was located just south of the present drive-in lane of the Okey-Vernon Bank. John and Bertha were active members of the Christian Church where Bertha was pianist for many years. John served on the City Council and also on the Fire Department, being chief at one time. They were the parents of four sons; Harold W. (10-28-1917-), Clifford (1921, died in infancy), Donald E. (1-13-1922-), and John M., Jr. (5-25-1917-). Donald was married to Betty Chadwick May 13, 1941 and had one son, Douglas C. (9-8-1943-). Donald was killed in Normandy, France in June, 1944 while serving in World War II with the 22nd Inf., 4th Div., US Army. John M., Jr. served in the U.S. Air Force for four years and on June 26, 1965 he was married to Jean Pembroke Warner and they were the parents of three children: Jack (4-6-56), Joan (12-20-1957), and Jeffrey Harold (4-4-1966). Submitted by Harold Nevius

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RALPH NEWCOMB

Ralph Newcomb was born in Williamsville, Vermont in 1844. In 1870 he married Adaline Cecelia Perry, born in Oscaloda, Ia. in 1837. They had five sons, Walter, Frank, Bradford, Fred, and Floyd. He owned a lumberyard on Sixth Street, and Adams.



Ralph and Adaline (Perry) Newcomb

With his son, Brad, they ran a bank which later became the Okey-Vernon National Bank.

He was active in the Methodist Church, and was Superintendent of the Sunday School there for a while.

They moved to Colorado Springs and died there — Adaline in 1920, and Ralph in 1922. Submitted by Almira Turner

WALTER NEWCOMB

Walter Newcomb was born in Corning in 1871. In 1892 he married Flora Mertis Okey and they settled in Corning. Walter graduated from Simpson College, and Flora from Drake (before it became Drake University).



Walter and Flora Newcomb

There were three children; Ralph, a Civil Engineer; Arthur, a Coastline Radar Operator; and Grace who graduated from Berkeley and whose husband was a scientist for Associated Oil Co. of Calif. Arthur was on duty the night before Pearl Harbor when, because of a mix-up, they couldn't reach Hawaii with any warning.

Walter ran a brickyard about a half-mile south of the railroad and Nodaway river on Loomis Ave. They made red bricks, hollow tile, and hollow blocks. It was great fun to watch the bricks being formed and cut and sent off to be dried. It was also fun to race across the hilly roofs of the drying sheds (until we got caught).

He was an Iowa State Representative for two terms.

In 1917 they moved to Pocatello, Idaho to manage the Nibley-Channel Lumberyard. There he again entered politics, and was an Idaho State Senator for sixteen years. For two of those terms Flora was President of the Legislative Ladies League.

After Flora died in 1935, Walter moved to Martinez, Calif. to be near his children, and established a Cabinet Shop. This he ran until his death in 1946.

They both were active in the Methodist Church especially in music. They did much toward the new brick church, and for getting the pipe organ to go into it. Submitted by Almira Turner

NEWTON FAMILY

My father, Dix Raymond Newton, was born near Grinnell, Iowa, on February 13, 1871, son of Ira and Olive (Smith) Newton. My mother, Flora B. Kline, was born near Prescott, Iowa, on January 23, 1883, daughter of Albert and Nancy (Ervin) Kline.



Clarence Kline and Olive Stolzenburg

They were married in Corning, Iowa, on March 1, 1907. He then departed for the homestead in Stanley County, South Dakota and she followed him after the completion of her teaching year in the Brooks school.

I was born on April 10, 1908, on the homestead 17 miles west of Ft. Pierre. In November of 1911 we moved by covered wagon to another homestead south of Valentine, Nebraska. On March 23, 1914, my brother Donald R. was born. We moved to Valentine for me to go to school in the fall.

We moved to our new home northwest of Crookston in 1916. We spent our grade school years at the Rock School, then in Crookston for High School.

I attended Chadron College in order to teach my one year at District 10.

I married Martin H. Stolzenburg, who was born on November 19, 1901 near Staplehurst, Nebraska, at the country church near Crookston, Nebr. on June 1, 1928. My children, all born in Valentine hospital are: Barbara A. (a nurse), born October 17, 1931, married Jack C. Marlow (R.R. Conductor), born May 5, 1920, on March 6, 1954 at Herkimer, Kansas. Their children are: Orval (lawyer), Annette (nurse) and Robert Lermeny, Michael, college graduate, and Joel, at home.

Dixie June (nurse), born June 1, 1938, married W. Charles Bowen, Jr. (Programmer analyst) born April 2, 1939 on June 4, 1961. Their children are: Julia, to graduate University of Texas in May; Walter III, sophomore at U.T., Ricky and Cindy at home.

Gail K., born May 25, 1941, married Elvia C. Alaniz, born June 24, 1940, on August 1, 1964. Their children are: Trevor and Jason, at home. Gail is President of Snead Management Systems, teaching use of computers.

Reo F. born December 10, 1945, a bank vice-president, married Tommie Lou Nicholson, born February 3, 1944, employed as secretary in another bank. One son, Kirk in 1st grade.

Donald Newton married Alma Ferner on October 16, 1943, while he was in the Air Force as mechanic. Their children are: Roy A., county employee, born October 10, 1944, married Karen Wagner on May 15, 1965. Their children are: Candy, Daniel, Sheri and twin sons, Sean and Shad.

Ann Marie (secretary) born August 17, 1946, married Marion McCarthy Jr. (Maintenance) on June 6, 1965. Their children are: Patricia, Debra, and Barbara. They all live in North Platte, Nebraska, and Donald is employed as an auto mechanic.



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