

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Walker, William Senator _____

Represented Audubon County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 2 Mar 1834 Huron County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Nancy Jane Bowen Jul 1857 Audubon County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Farmer; livestock breeding; mercantile business

4. Church membership Methodist, later Congregational

5. Sessions served 22nd and 23rd General Assemblies 1888 and 1890

6. Public Offices

A. Local Township clerk; township trustee; treasurer of the school district

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 7 Nov 1899 Epira, Iowa; buried Epira Cemetery, Epira, Iowa

8. Children John Edgar; Charles T. (predeceased his father in death); Francis E. (predeceased her father in death); Laura A. (Mrs. J. D. Barber); Ulysses S.; Luke May; Oliver M.; Eva; J. Bryant.

9. Names of parents Joseph and Catherine (Dugan) Walker

10. Education

Received a district school education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He spent his youth on the family farm where his services were in demand as he was the oldest son. They had moved to Michigan.
- At age 21 he came to Iowa settling in Audubon County on 200 acres of land purchased. He bought more land and attention was given to breeding fine livestock. Eventually he owned 1600 acres of land.
- He went to Colorado to search for gold. Two of his small sons died while he was gone.
- His wife, Nancy, was postmaster of Grove Post Office in their home for a time.
- Nancy Jones, born 1835, died 10 Jan 1895, buried Bowen Cemetery, Iowa, Iowa.
- He also owned a general store in Epinal, Iowa.



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Death Of Hon. William Walker.

For some months past the subject of this sketch had been in poor health, only a few weeks of the time, however, was he confined to his bed, having been able to go about his home and to his farm, looking after his large interests both on his stock farm and mercantile business in Exira, as well. His quiet manner of life led his most intimate friends to be unsuspecting of the real character of the dread disease that was slowly but surely tightening its grasp upon his mortal life. His unusual strength, for one of his years, enabled him to make a strong and determined fight for life. Not many weeks before his death he made a trip to Chicago to see what help he might be able to receive there, but no assurance being given he returned to Exira. His disease was cancer of the stomach, and on "The morning of November 7th" his mortal life went out and the spirit went up to God who gave it.

William Walker was born in Huron county, Ohio, on March 2, 1834. He was of a family of ten children, and though nearly sixty-six years old, was the first to break the circle. His father was of English stock; his grandfather having been a soldier under Lord Cornwallis. His mother was a native of Ireland, thus combining in him those traits of character that go to make that which is best and noblest in men. He moved with his parents when quite young to the State of Michigan where he grew to manhood on a farm, and learned the lessons by which he was guided in a life of usefulness and success. When he reached his majority, realizing that only they who strive would win, he determined to try his fortunes in the west, and so in 1855 he settled in Audubon county, Iowa, then a wild prairie. He took his first two hundred acres of land from the government at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, which he improved and kept as his home till he went to the home beyond. But his business ability was manifest, for at the time of his death he owned about two thousand acres of land besides the fine farms he had already given his children as they had pushed out into the world for themselves, and also his large mercantile interests in Exira.

Three years after his settlement in Iowa he was united to Nancy J. Bowen in bonds of matrimony. To them were born nine children, six sons and four daughters, who are still living and all were present at the funeral.

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William Walker was an honest and conscientious citizen and christian. His integrity was never questioned, and his neighbors sought his counsel in business affairs. He was called upon to administrate some of the largest estates ever settled in the county. His neighbors, who were not so fortunate as he, were not turned away when they came to him for help. He was an active, energetic man in society and and always ready to help any good work calculated to make society and community better. He was for more than twenty years an active member of the Masonic fraternity. When a young man he was a member of the Methodist church, but at the time of his death was a member of the Congregational church, here in in Exira. Twice had he been elected to represent his county in the State Legislature. His high standing in the community was seen in the fact that his election took place at a time when the political complexion was against that of his own.

In a talk with his pastor, about two weeks before his death, he said he did not know that he would recover, but he was not disturbed at all, as his peace with his Master was made. He had wrought well and was ready to receive the wages due faithful service and true faith. The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon, November 9, 1899. The sermon was preached at the Congregational church, in Exira, by his pastor, Rev. H. L. Wissler, after which the members of Exodus Lodge, No. 342, A. F. and A. M. took charge of the service and gave the usual Masonic service, assisted by the members of Godfrey Commandry of Knights Templar, of which Mr. Walker was also a member, and by them the body was laid to rest in the Exira Cemetery, there to await the call of the last trumpet.

The following resolutions were passed by Exodus Lodge, No. 342, A. F. and A. M. at a special meeting held in its room at Exira, Iowa, on November 9, A. D., 1899.

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WHEREAS, It has pleased the Supreme Grand Master of the universe to remove from this Earthly Lodge to the Grand Lodge on high our worthy and highly esteemed brother, William Walker, an honored and respected member of the fraternity, a worthy member of this lodge, an earnest advocate of the principles of Free Masonry, an active and enterprising man, a kind hearted friend and brother; therefore be it

Resolved, That while we are called upon to mourn the loss of a brother who has been associated with us for upwards of twenty years in fraternal bonds; yet we hope that what has been so great a loss to us may be to him eternal gain; and while we cherish his memory here on earth, we commend his spirit to God who gave it, confidently trusting his future in the hands of Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the sons and daughters of our deceased brother and assure them that the strong arm of the fraternity will be extended for their comfort in this, their great affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy be presented to each son and daughter of the deceased brother, and another copy be furnished The Audubon County Journal for publication.

V. B. HELLYER, }
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H. E. WISSLER, }

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at the home of the bride and groom, 707 Laurel street. About thirty relatives were present, among them Mrs. Thoroughgood, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Johnston of Sioux City, parents of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. McConnell, parents of the groom. A wedding supper followed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. McConnell are at home to friends at 707 Laurel street. Mr. McConnell is an employe of the Utica Clothing company.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Slater and Miss Evans have issued invitations for cards, Monday, November 20.

The Chautauqua league meeting for November was well attended on Tuesday evening in spite of the disagreeable weather. Mrs. C. L. Nourse presided, and nearly all of the ten circles of the city were represented. Following the line of thought in the C. L. S. C. work for the current year, the program consisted of an address by Judge Dille on "The New Republic, and What It Meant," a paper on "Early Homes and Customs," by Mrs. W. F. Hall, and a "quiz" on the month's lessons, led by Mrs. A. G. Field. Several new names were added to the membership of the league, which will soon be a hundred strong. There was a delightful social hour when coffee and cake

MOORE, NOV. 9.—All the workmen and helpers in both shops of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway company at this place went out on strike for higher wages yesterday. This demand was refused and they quit work. About 200 men are affected.

WILLIAM WALKER DEAD.

Extra, Nov. 9.—Hon. William Walker, one of the oldest settlers of this county, and a man prominent in business and social circles, having a large farm on the Troublesome, died here Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. He will be buried this afternoon by the Masonic order of this city, he being a Knight Templar.

EDWYNE KISSICK'S FUNERAL.

Oskaloosa, Nov. 9.—The military funeral of Edwyne Kissick of Company F, Fifty-first Iowa, was held yesterday afternoon. It was the largest funeral ever seen in the city and was made impressive and memorable by the presence of the company of which he was a member. The funeral was held in the Methodist church at 2 o'clock p. m. Eighteen hundred people were in the church. The casket was opened and the remains viewed by about 3,000 people. It took an hour and a half for the people to pass the casket.

Then we made for the gold-reef city, Retreating, but not in rout. They had called us "Quick, for pity!" And they said, "They will rally out." They will hear us, and come. Who doubts it? But how if they don't, what then? Well, worry no more about it, But fight to the death, like men.

VII.

Not a soul had sapped or slumbered Since the borderland stream was cleft; But we fought, ever more outnumbered, 'Till we had not a cartridge left. We're not very soft or tender, Or given to weep for woe, But it breaks one to have to render One's sword to the strongest foe.

VIII.

I suppose we were wrong, were madmen, Still I think at the judgment day, When God sifts the good from the bad men, There'll be something more to say. We were wrong, but we aren't half sorry, And, as one of the baffled band, I would rather have had that terray Than the crushings of all the Rand. —Alfred Austin.

PIONEER JUSTICE.

How it Was Formerly Administered in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

New York Tribune: John F. Fitzgerald of Montreal, who is an old mining man, has traveled extensively in South Africa, Australia and throughout the west. He was one of the pioneers in the famous Coeur d'Alene, in Idaho, and he told this story of the manner of administering justice in that region in its early days:

solto voce, "There goes the last your bridge, and you may swim water and be hanged to you!" of this, however, Doc succeeded feeling the Clearwater river b although history does not record or not the minister had to stream."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFER.

Moline Elevator Co. to I. K. 1. blk Q, Grimmel's add, \$16,000 Bacon Gray to State Trust Co 30, blk 55, Stewart's add, E24, Turkington to G. P. Dorrance 1, Foundry add, \$2,500. J. P. E B. F. Guc lots 84 and 86, Kinan \$4,500. Matto, Kurtz to George and Joseph Muehnaupt lot 1, b wood Park St. James M. Tier D. R. McKeehan lot 13, blk 6, Co.'s add, \$200. James M. Co John Abernathy lot 64, Eastw Fannie Aleck to Glee S. Meas 29 and 30 ft lot 24, Rio Vista, Hatch to A. E. Anderson pt o p sw 1/4 24-29-24, \$1,000. Henry Chamberlain, Medicine Co. blk 11, Grimmel's add, \$3,000.

THROUGH SLEEPING CAR VICE TO CHICAGO

Every day in the year three tric lighted sleeping car leave depot, Des Moines, at 11:15; the C. M. & St. P. Ry., are Chicago at 9:30 a. m. Sleep for occupancy at 9 p. m. I sleeping car leaves Chicago arriving in Des Moines 4:35 gers allowed to remain in ste 7:30 a. m. For sleeping car tions call at 410 Walnut

Professionals Allowed Representation in the L. A. W. National Assembly.

PROVIDENCE, Feb. 11.—To continue control of bicycle racing, both professional and amateur, to exclude the amateur from membership, but to allow amateur representation in the national assembly, and, according to President [redacted] a representative on the racing committee, were the main results of the 1899 assembly of the League of American Wheelmen, which finished work in this city yesterday. The racing question was, of course, the all-important one before the assembly, but it had thoroughly had the matter been gone over in the past and so well was the situation understood, that there was scarcely any debate upon the question, and the proposition to divorce the league from racing was overwhelmingly defeated. The assembly has never been conducted with such an absence of friction, due in a great measure to the ability of the presiding members. The assembly will next meet in Jacksonville, Fla., and the members left for home with the grim satisfaction that they would next come together under more favorable climatic conditions.

Cubans Still Angry.

HAVANA, Feb. 13.—The feeling which existed among the Cubans toward Governor General Brooke over the question of precedence in the line of the funeral procession of General Calixto Garcia on Monday has moderated very greatly, owing to the explanations that have been made and most of the ill humor is directed against the Cuban generals, who hastily took offense where it was intended and ordered the Cuban soldiers to leave and themselves retired. The other generals are disposed to blame General Andrade for ordering the soldiers not to march, and the Cuban assembly, which is composed of military men, held a meeting and a number of strong speeches were made against the Americans and it was decided to appoint a commission to investigate the occurrence and determine whether or not the conduct of the governor general constituted a crime and of offense. The commission report on Tuesday next.

Philippine Delegate Sails For Liverpool.

MONTREAL, Feb. 15.—Senor Luna of the Philippine delegation, has departed for Montreal for Liverpool. Agoncillo declares he does not know what his future movements will be, they are determined by advices he will receive from Hong Kong on his arrival in London. Agoncillo again denied that he had advised Aguinaldo to attack the Cubans.

Anarchy Rules in Samoa.

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Feb. 15.—Advices received here from Samoa under date Feb. 8 report that anarchy and rebellion still prevail there. The provisional government persists in interfering with the British subjects and also with the interests of British residents.

Glorious News.

News from Dr. D. B. Cargile, of Wichita, Kan. He writes: "Four bottles of Electric Bitters has cured Mrs. Brewer of Scrofula, which had caused her great suffering for years. Her sores would break out on her head and the best doctors could give her no relief; but her cure is complete and her health is restored." This shows what thoughtful people should know—that Electric Bitters is the only medicine known. It's the supreme remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, itching sores. It stimulates the liver and bowels, expels poisons, helps dilate the bowels, builds up the strength. Only 50c. per bottle. C. W. Houston, druggist; guaranteed.

CLOSING OUT

OWING to the immense proportions of my business affairs, both in Exira and on my farm, have assumed within the past year, I find that I cannot do justice to either and divide my attention between the two. Therefore I have decided to close out my mercantile business in Exira. In order to do this every article in my large stock of general merchandise will be sold

at cost and less than cost.

In my dealings with the people I have always made every advertisement good, and this will be no exception. We need quote no prices; they are lower than the lowest and can't be equalled.

The terms of this sale will be cash or produce.

Our Spring Shoes are already in stock and will go along with the balance. Prices on Overshoes never before heard of.

Shoes! Shoes! Shoes!

On Monday we will have ready a line of shoes that we will sell at half and less than half cost price--99c. These shoes consist of broad and pointed toes, hand-turns, etc., and are a great bargain.

We will also have another grade at 79c --Shoes that cost us from \$1.60 to \$2. Come in and stock up for summer while these great bargains last.

This sale begins Monday, January 30th, and continues until everything is gone.

Wm. WALKER

Exira, Iowa.

Monday morning and saws so he can put up ice for the Exira crew will employ eight men. They will haul the Botany river.

Protracted meeting held at the Union B. in Greeley township, of Kimballton, is continuing meetings. Much interest shown, considering clemency of the weather.

John Hunter will six hundred acres of the Ballard estate is purchased from some their expected interest John paid \$5,300 some ago and has waited since to reap the large above mentioned.

D. R. Jones, of Casey, attending to matters relating the Hamlin estate day at public auction says he expects this to be the best sale that was ever held in Iowa. There are 100 acres of this farm, and it will be sure that will aggregate amount usually obtainable in sales. There will be a bid as it is a new idea to have real estate sold at an highest bidder.

The National Advertiser story of an old bachelor a pair of socks and four to one of them a slip of these words: "I am a bachelor of twenty and would like to marry with a bachelor, to matrimony." Name were given. The bachelor and in a few days got a "Mamma was married to me ago. The merchant who those socks of, evidently advertise for he would them long ago. Mamma me your letter and said might suit you. I am years old."

The city is taking advantage of the warm weather and water-works so they will up in case of another They are siding up part of the tower so that be placed within, when prevent the water pipe below, from freezing. They not only insure against fire but also preserve the frame of the tower. The town officials are looking the public affairs as their own private business people are to be commending men, with such business ties, looking after their interests.

Fire broke out in the building on the east side and in a minutes the roofs of the five in the row were ablaze. The department responded with promptness, and the hardest fight it had ever succeeded in confining it to saving the huge lumber yard Green Bay lumber company on the east by the buildings by a narrow alley loss will be \$2,500.00. In spite northwest blast and the meter marking 22 below, worked for love of their the salvation of property that money could not buy them to do under other stances. —Harlan Tribune

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since that time. The business has been steadily successful, and February 1, 1893, Col. H. H. Rood purchased one-third interest. The bank was conducted under this management until February 1, 1897, when Dr. Carson sold his interest to W. C. Stuckslager, of Lisbon, and retired from the banking business. At this time the capital was increased to \$50,000. During the period of the bank's existence, so conservative has been the management of Mr. Smith as cashier, that not a dollar of its loans and investments has been lost.

He also owns and manages a farm adjoining the city, on which he has a fine registered herd of Aberdeen Angus cattle of the best families.

Mr. Smith has been a life-long republican. He is a member of Mount Vernon Lodge No. 112, A. F. and A. M., Ashler Chapter No. 122, R. A. M., and W. C. Dimmitt Post No. 400, G. A. R.

He was married to Miss Clara A. Brackett, September 9, 1884. Mrs. Smith is a native of Putnam township, was reared in Mount Vernon, and is a daughter of William and Elizabeth Sherman Brackett. She is a graduate of Cornell Conservatory of Music, and was for some time a teacher in that institution.

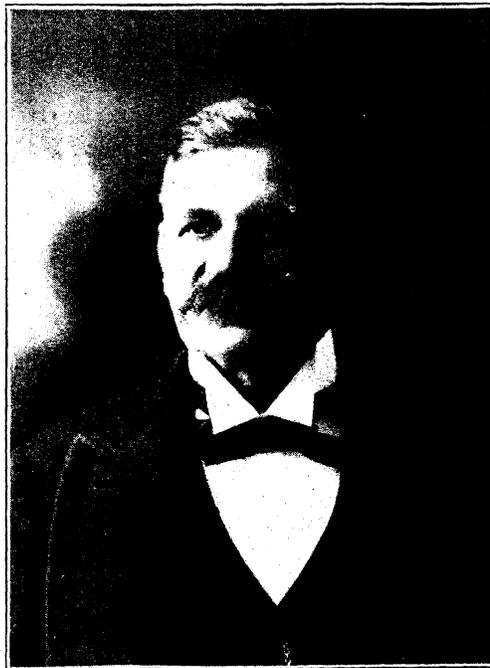
They have had two children: William Edgar, born January 19, 1891, who died in his third year, and Ruth Elizabeth, born December 29, 1893.

WALKER, WILLIAM, a prominent merchant of Exira, Audubon county, is a grandson of one of the English soldiers, who came over with Lord Cornwallis during the revolutionary war to help subdue the colonies. Joseph Walker, the father of William, was born in England, and was also a soldier. After being discharged from the army he emigrated to Canada, where he married. In 1833 he moved to Ohio and later to Michigan, where he resided until his death. Catherine Nugent Walker, the mother of William, was born in northern Ireland; left an orphan at an early age, and brought to America by an aunt. She brought up a family of ten children, all of whom are living, and still resides on the old homestead in Michigan. At the age of 89 she is active, energetic and mentally young.

William was born March 2, 1834, in Huron county, Ohio. In 1855 he came to Iowa and located in Audubon county, where he has always remained. When he came to Iowa he bought 200 acres of Audubon

county land at \$1.25 per acre. This land he still owns, and has added to it 1,800 acres of fine farming land, which is highly improved and stocked. Besides this he conducts a large general store in the town of Exira.

General Fremont was the first candidate for president who received Mr. Walker's vote and he has never voted any other than a republican ticket. Audubon county is usually democratic, but in 1888 Mr. Walker was nominated by the republicans for representative, and was elected. He was re-elected in 1890, which indicates that the



people of his county, regardless of politics, have a very favorable opinion of his integrity and ability. For twenty years Mr. Walker has been a Mason, and is of the Knight Templar degree. In 1858 he married Nancy J. Bowen, who was a native of Ohio, and moved to Audubon county at an early date. She lived a busy and useful life, performing faithfully the duties of wife and mother. She died very suddenly of heart disease in 1895. They had nine children, seven of whom are now living: J. E., born January 16, 1859; Laura A., born October 16, 1866; U. S., born January 26, 1868; Lula M., born March 10, 1870; Olive M., born July 26, 1872; Eva J., born March 20, 1875; Jay G., born August 31, 1877.

still owned by a member of the Knox family, Kirk Harold Knox, of Cheyenne, Wyo. The house is in a section of Exira which used to be called Kickapoo Park.

Many of the descendants of the Knox family are living in the Exira area. Some of these are Lee Frederick, Earl Frederick, Bernice Jorgensen, Harold Schwab, Marjorie Wedemeyer, Marilyn Frederick, Dorothy Hansen, Dean Hutchins, Lois Oakley, Lucile Baier, Doris Akers, Gloria Hackwell, Greg Baier, Kristi McClain, Cheyenne and Bridey McClain and many others.

This translates into six generations of the Knox family having been a part of the Exira history. It is certain that the ties to Exira will continue to expand.

Lois Hutchins Oakley, daughter
of Hazel Knox Hutchins

WALKER FAMILY IN AUDUBON COUNTY

By Marion L. Walker, Age 91

William Walker of England served in the British Army during the Revolutionary War. He was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown on October 19, 1781.

Joseph Walker (son of William and great-grandfather of Marion L. Walker) emigrated from England as a young man. Joseph married Catharine Nugent, and they settled in Huron County, Ohio, living there less than a year, then moving to Berrien County, Michigan. Ten children were born to this couple, two of whom later moved to Audubon County, Iowa (William and Charles). The rest of the family stayed on the farm at Niles, Michigan. Descendants are still living there, near the small country churchyard on Pucker Street Road where Joseph, who died February 15, 1868, and Catharine, who died April 20, 1904, are buried.

Catharine (Nugent - also Nugen, Newgent) Walker was born June 1, 1808. According to her obituary, she was born near Belturbet, Ireland, in the county of Fermanagh. Another record - the History of Berrien County, Michigan - says she was born in Abbey Castle, County Cork, Ireland. Her obituary states that she came over from Ireland about 1820 with an aunt, as her mother died while Catharine was yet a child. One relative called this aunt "Aunt Bitty Fee". The death certificate of Catharine lists her mother's maiden surname as Sheridan (no first names given).

William Walker, oldest child of the Joseph Walker family, left Niles, Michigan at the age of 21 years and came to Exira Township, Audubon County, Iowa. The year was 1855. In February, 1857, William married Nancy Jane Bowen, a school teacher. They raised seven children of the nine born to them. Two small sons died when their father was gone to Colorado searching for gold. William was Representative for Audubon County in the 1887 State Legislature. He also served as Township Clerk, Trustee, and as Treasurer of the School District. Nancy Walker was Postmaster of Grove Post Office in their home for a time. She died in 1894, and as Laura and Jim Barhan were farming the home place, William moved to Exira and went into the mercantile business. He died November 6, 1899.

John Edgar Walker, oldest child of Wm. and Nancy

Bowen Walker, was born January 16, 1859 on the farm north of the Ted Simpson farm. The family soon moved to the farm where Howard Walker now lives. After his local schooling, John Edgar attended the academy at Grove City near Atlantic. When he was 21 years old, he went to Las Vegas, New Mexico and became a night-watchman for Browne & Manganeres, a big store. This was about the time that William Bonney (Billy the Kid) was killed at Ft. Sumner on the Pecos River.

John Edgar returned to Iowa and married Ida Van Slyke, who lived with her family in the Highland Church area northwest of Anita. John and Ida settled on a farm south of the Max Walker farm in Cass County. The house they built is the present dwelling. Five children were raised here, the third being Marion L. Walker. Ida died in 1902 in childbirth, and is buried with her baby in Bowen Cemetery. John Edgar kept his family together, raising them with the help of his daughter Beatrice who was age 16 at the time of her mother's death. John Edgar Walker died in 1928 at his home in Cass County.

Marion lived with his father until around 1917, when on December 15 of that year Marion and a neighbor girl, Olive Baumgardner, were married in Atlantic. It was a short honeymoon. Marion soon left for the army and was stationed at Camp Pike, Arkansas with Company I of the Second Group of Infantry Replacement and Training Troops.

After Marion's return from the service, he and Olive farmed in Cass County for a few years, and then moved to his father's "Timber Farm" in Exira Township in Audubon County in 1924, living there until 1936. They then moved one-half mile west to the farm where they spent the rest of their married life, raising their four boys and five girls.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND NANCY JANE BOWEN WALKER:

1. John Edgar Walker, born Jan. 16, 1859; died 1928. Married Ida Van Slyke 1868-1902.

a. Laura Beatrice Walker 1886-196—; married H. Bernie Hardman 1884—; two daughters, two sons.

b. Harrison Edgar Walker 1888-1951; married Anna Breede; two girls, one son.

c. Marion Lancelot Walker, born 11-2-1890—: married Olive Baumgardner, born 11-15-1901: died 12-9-1970; five daughters, four sons.

d. Reed McKinley Walker 1892-195—; married Minnie Miller; two sons.

e. Theodore Roosevelt Walker 1900-1965; married Ella Husman; one son, three girls.

2. Laura Walker, born Oct. 16, 1864; died 19 ?; married James Barhan.

a. Olive Barhan; married Clyde Freeman; one girl, one boy; married Ernest West, no children.

b. Eloise Barhan; married Forrest Freeman; two girls.

c. Schuyler Walker Barhan; married Marion —; two girls, one boy.

d. Guy Norman Barhan; married —; two girls, one boy.

e. Lula (Kit) Barhan; married John Armstrong; one

girl, two boys.

3. Ulysses Schuyler Walker, born 1-26-1867; married Louisa Marsh.

- a. Marie Walker (died young).
- b. Mildred Walker; married Chris Pautvein; one son.
- c. Merle Walker; married Howard Fitzgerald; two daughters, one son.
- d. Maude Walker (died young).
- e. Max Walker; married Marie ———; two sons, two daughters.

4. Lula Walker, born 3-10-1869; died 5-25-1958; married James B. Rendleman, born 2-14-1866; died 9-19.

- a. Eva.
- b. James Walker Rendleman, 4-13-1894 to 1936; married Hazel Hocking.
- c. Olive Geraldine Rendleman 6-4-1896.

5. Olive Walker, born 7-26-1871; married Ralph Dexter Hawkes.

- a. Fred Hawkes.
- 6. Eva Walker, born 3-20-1875; married Charles Jenkins.
 - a. Keith Jenkins; married Mabel Hardwick.
 - b. Eloise Jenkins; married Chrissy Jensen.
 - c. Laura Jenkins-Duane Frishie Langston.
 - d. Charles Jenkins; married Winifred ———; two boys.

7. Jay Grant Walker, born 8-31-77; married Jessie Pratt (divorced).

- a. Hazel Walker; married Carrie Harris; two sons.
- b. Charles Walker; married ———; one daughter, one son.

Jay Grant Walker then married ——— Cutler of Oklahoma, two daughters.

PETER TOFT FAMILY



Donald and Donna Toft.



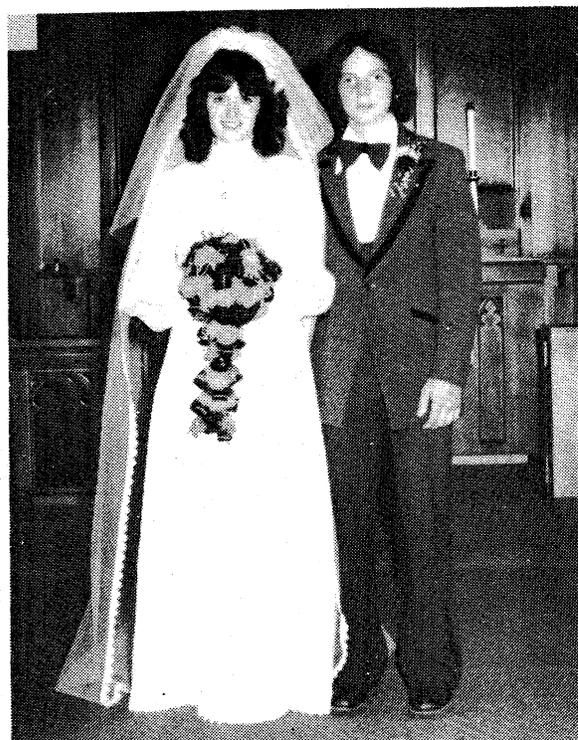
Esther and Thomas Toft



Randall, Angela, Becky and Steffanie Toft.



Londa Toft



Scott and Peggy Toft.

Of Christian Toft's seven children, Peter the second oldest would leave his native land and go to America to start a new life. In 1882 Peter Toft and his wife, Marie Langvad Toft, left Denmark and came to Davenport, Iowa. It was here in Davenport that Peter and Marie had

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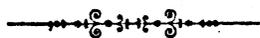
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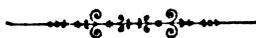
a most reliable judge of cattle; of late years he has also bought and sold hogs quite extensively, shipping them to eastern markets. During their residence in Polk County Mrs. Hensley was called from this life, in the year 1869; she was a devoted wife and mother, and at her death left eight children—Leroy M., William I., Morgan, Martha A., wife of Daniel B. Hayes (Mrs. Hayes is now deceased); Fanny May (deceased), Frank M., John I. and Charles F. Mr. Hensley was married to his second wife in Polk County; she was Mrs. Maria Eckles, widow of Rev. William Eckles, and daughter of Henry Reichert, of Indiana, a resident of Polk County, Iowa. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hensley—Martha A. and Agnes. Mr. Hensley has not only been prominent in business circles, but he has also taken a lively interest in the elevation of the morals of the community; he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, with which he has long been identified, contributing largely of his time and means for its support; he has served as trustee and steward of the church. Politically he has long been identified with the Democratic party.



DON. WILLIAM WALKER has been identified with the interests of Audubon County since the year 1855. He was born in Huron County, Ohio, March 2, 1834, and is the son of Joseph and Catherine (Sheridan) Walker. His father was a native of England, and emigrated to America when a young man. His mother was a native of Ireland, and was brought to this country when a child. After his marriage Joseph Walker settled in Huron County, remaining less than one year; he then removed to Berrien County, Michigan, and settled on a farm,

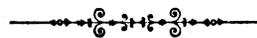
there passing the remainder of his days. He died in 1867; his wife, who survives him, occupies the old homestead in Michigan; she is the mother of ten children, five sons and five daughters. William spent his youth on his father's farm, where his services were usually in demand, as he was the oldest son. He received the advantage of a district-school education, and at the age of twenty-one years he forsook the ancestral roof and went to make his fortune in the far west, as Iowa was then considered. He pre-empted 160 acres of land in Audubon County, and entered 200 acres at \$1.25 per acre; this secured to him a home which he began to improve as his means would allow. In February, 1857, Mr. Walker was married to Miss Nancy J. Bowen, the oldest daughter of W. H. and Elizabeth Bowen, who came to Audubon County in 1853. W. H. Bowen is still living at the age of seventy-seven years, and his wife died in 1873. Mrs. Walker was among the pioneer school teachers of the county. After his marriage Mr. Walker settled on his farm on the west side of Troublesome Creek; this being a most excellent piece of land, Mr. Walker prospered, and as his means increased he invested in another farm on the east side of Troublesome Creek; this land is skirted on the north by a heavy belt of timber which affords the best protection to the live-stock on this farm. Here Mr. Walker has erected a fine two-story frame residence, a large barn for horses, and numerous buildings for the protection of live-stock. His landed estate at present numbers 1,500 acres, the greater portion of which is seeded down to grass. Large numbers of cattle are fattened annually on Mr. Walker's farm, and special attention is given to the breeding of the higher grades of live-stock. Mr. and Mrs. Walker are the parents of nine children—John E., Charles W. (deceased), Frances A. (deceased), Laura

A., wife of J. D. Barhan; Ulysses S., Lula May, Oliver M., Eva and J. Grant. Mr. Walker has been politically identified with his county as a member of the Legislature, serving in the twenty-second session; he was elected on the Republican ticket in 1887. He has also served his township as clerk, trustee, and treasurer of the school district. He is a member of Exodus Lodge, No. 344, A. F. & A. M. Mr. Walker cast his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont. His grandfather, William Walker, was a soldier in the British army, and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis. Mr. Walker began life with small means, but his industry and good management have served him well, and to-day he is the owner of a handsome estate.

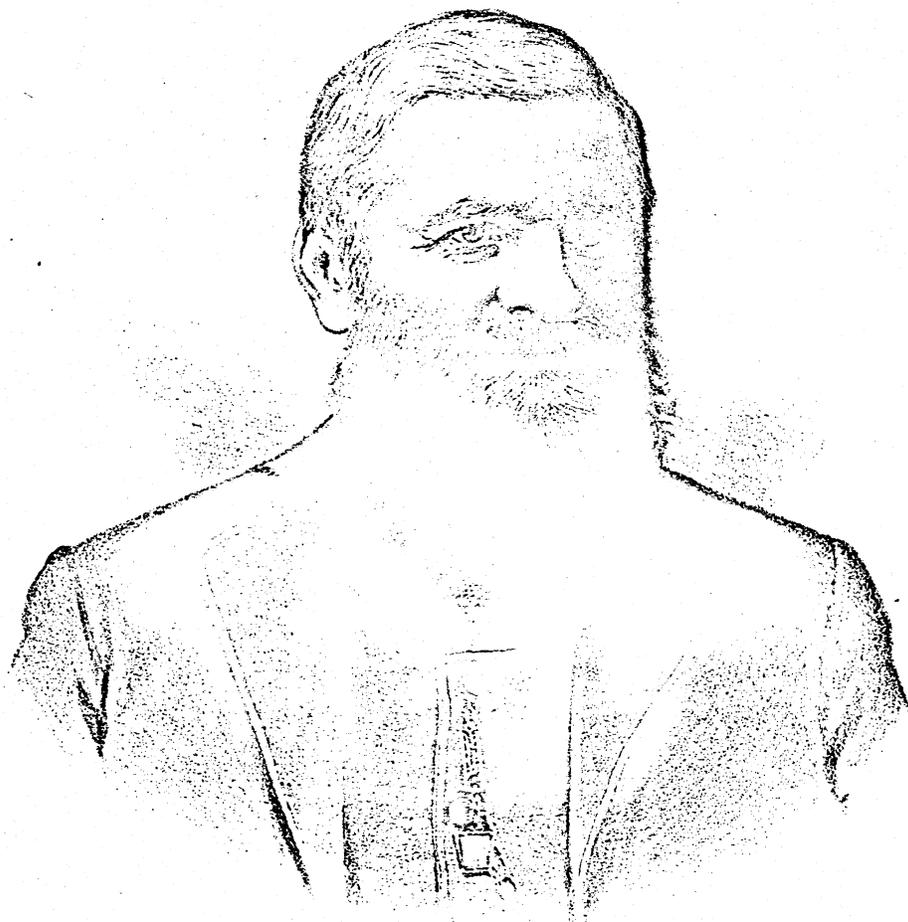


JOSEPH P. THORNISCH is a member of the firm of Thornisch & Isham, livery and coal dealers, Audubon, Iowa. In the livery business Mr. Thornisch succeeds Mr. I. N. Simpson, of whom he bought the business in May, 1880, which he continued at the old stand. He formed a partnership with Mr. Charles Isham, who with himself constitutes the present firm. Mr. Thornisch was born in Wyoming County, New York, August 2, 1844. He lived in his native county until he was sixteen years old, when he went to Genesee County, New York, working on a farm, breaking horses, and fitting them for market. He afterward drifted west and stopped in Audubon County, Iowa, in 1871, and spent his first winter on Davis Creek. In the following spring he took up a homestead near the present town site of Audubon, but through some technicality the Rock Island Railroad Company gained possession of it, and Mr. Thornisch lost about \$4,000. Abandoning the homestead he dis-

posed of his cattle ranch, and purchased the livery stock, as before stated. The firm of Thornisch & Isham is well known from the fact that both parties have been residents of the county for several years. They keep a good stock of buggies, including a fine hack and hearses, and attend to calls in the country promptly, as well as in the city. Their stock of horses is quite complete, and they have fine driving teams. In connection with their livery and coal business they have given special attention to the breeding of Henry Clay and Messenger horses; they also breed Clydesdale horses, and have invested a considerable sum in this business. Mr. Thornisch was married in 1867 to Miss Elizabeth Gabel, of Wyoming County, New York, a daughter of Jacob Gabel, of the same county. There she was born and reared to womanhood. To Mr. and Mrs. Thornisch have been born three children—Eli A., Francis M., and Irma C. Mr. Thornisch has served one term as township trustee. He is a member of Oretas Lodge, No. 396, I. O. O. F. Mr. Thornisch's parents were John J. and Catharine (Meyers) Thornisch, natives of Germany. The father emigrated to America before he was married.



JOHN A. HICKS, an active farmer and stock-raiser of Exira Township, was born in Canada West, February 11, 1843. He was reared on a farm, but when he had reached his nineteenth year he was bound to learn the blacksmith's trade, and served an apprenticeship of three years. He is the son of James and Margaret (Connon) Hicks, the mother only surviving. After he had finished his trade he worked as a journeyman for seven years in the State of Wisconsin, having come to the United States in his twenty-



Wm. Walker



Mr. J. Walker.

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WifeNancy Jane Bowen[Pedigree](#)**Birth:** 17 MAR 1834**Christening:****Marriage:** 18 FEB 1858 , Audubon, Iowa**Death:****Burial:**

Children

None

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