

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Walker, William Mansfield Senator _____

_____ Represented Van Buren County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 22 Aug. 1852 near Belma, Van Buren County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place _____

_____ Estelle Bonney

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was admitted to the bar in 1881

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Lawyer; judge

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 21st General Assembly 1886

6. Public Offices

A. Local He was elected a judge of the Second Judicial District in 1922 and served until his death

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 19 Mar 1930 Keosauqua, Iowa; buried Oak Lawn Cemetery, Keosauqua, Iowa

8. Children Dr. Helen M. Walker

9. Names of parents Dr. Peter and Christmann (Schuyler) Walker

10. Education

This opportunity for obtaining an education was
meager, but he applied himself to learn

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He became an orphan at age 10
- He taught school for several terms in Van Buren County, Iowa
- While teaching school he studied law in his spare time
- In 1884 he began practicing law in Keosauqua, Iowa
- For many years he was a member of the law firm of Lea, Cherry and Walker. After the death of Mr. Lea and Mr. Cherry leaving from he formed the firm of Walker and McBeth which continued until 1922
- His wife, Estelle, born 1864, died 1953, both buried in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Keosauqua, Iowa

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Death of Judge W. M. Walker.

The death of Judge W. M. Walker occurred at his home in Keosauqua, this Wednesday morning at 1:30 o'clock, following a light stroke. While he has been in ill health and not able to attend court duties, his sudden death was unexpected at this time.

Death of Addie M. Haney.

Addie M. Haney died at her home in Ottumwa, on Wednesday, March 12th, at the age of 79 years. She is survived by three brothers, S. P. Trout and H. L. Trout of Douds, and C. H. Trout of Ottumwa; one sister, Mrs. Maria Green of Iowa City. The funeral was held on Friday at 11 o'clock from the Mt. Moriah church, interment in the Mt. Moriah cemetery.

Death of Mrs. Al. Parker.

Word was received of the death of Mrs. Al Parker at her home in Derby, Iowa, last Monday morning, the result of pneumonia. She would have been 68 years old March 20th. With her husband she had attended the funeral service of his sister, Mrs. Gift, at Fairfield, on March 7th. She appeared to be in the best of health, and had a pleasant visit with relatives. Just as they got home she took a chill and developed pneumonia from which she never recovered. She is a sister of Reuben Johnston and Miss Mary Johnston of Birmingham, and Mrs. Jack Kirkhart at Milton. The funeral service was held on Wednesday afternoon.

Keep Your Chickens at Home.

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JUDGE W. M. WALKER.

Judge Walker was born near Selma, Van Buren county, Iowa, August 22, 1852. His parents were farmers and he was left an orphan at the age of ten, his mother dying when he was six years old and his father four years later.

His facilities for obtaining an education were meager, but he applied himself diligently and as a young man taught several terms of school in the county. In the mean time he devoted his spare time to studying law and in 1881 was admitted to the bar. In 1884 he began the practice of his profession in Keosauqua, and since has been his home.

For many years he was a member of the law firm of Lea, Wherry & Walker. After the death of Mr. Lea and the removal from the state of Mr. Wherry, the firm of Walker & McBeth was formed and continued until the elevation of Mr. Walker to the bench in 1922. He was re-elected for another four year term, in 1926, and was serving his last year of that term.

Judge Walker started his political career in 1886, when elected to represent the county in the house of representatives of the twenty-first general assembly.

W. M. Walker and Miss Estelle Bonney of Keosauqua were united in marriage August 29, 1889. He is survived by Mrs. Walker and their daughter, Dr. Helen M. Walker, who holds a professorship in Columbian University, New York.

The funeral service was held at the Methodist church in Keosauqua, on Friday afternoon, the 21st, Judge Walker having been a member for many years. A former pastor, Rev. C. A. Field, of Ottumwa, assisted in the service by the pastor, Rev. M. D. Cox.

The active pallbearers were P. Starr of Fairfield, J. C. Calhoun, H. Sloan, G. R. Buckles, R. R. Mc-

Bonaparte Town and Township Mrs. Margaret E. Roberts, Cedar Township and part of Stockport, Howard C. Irvine. Chequest Township—Harold M. Nason.

Des Moines Township and Cantril—John C. Hargrove.

Farmington, Walter Neafie.

Harrisburg Township—Mrs. Fannie Fletcher.

Henry and Washington Townships—Cyrus M. Newbold.

Millon and Jackson Township outside Cantril—Harold Herryman

Lick Creek Township—Edmett Hanshaw.

Keosauqua—Mrs. R. C. Williams.

Van Buren Township—Walter Beer.

Vernon Township—J. F. Tharp.

Village Township—A. L. Doud, Sr.

Union Township and part of Stockport—Mrs. Patti Winslow.

Town Election.

The Town election will interest-ing this year, which occurs on Monday, the 31st, the polls to be open from 8 in the morning till 8 in the evening. Four tickets are in the field, though only one full ticket, as a number of the nominees on the other tickets have withdrawn their names. So here they are, take your choice:

Peoples Ticket

Mayor—Stanley Watts
Treasurer—Maynard Corry
Assessor—O. S. Calhoun

Councilmen—J. H. Graham, C. W. Kerr, Wendell Hoenshel, Chas. Miranda, Carl Moore.

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B. Sloan, G. R. Buckles, R. R. Mc-
Beth and W. B. Newbold of Keo-
sauqua. The honorary pallbearers
were the following district court
judges and former judges: E. S.
Wells of Chariton, George W. Dash-
iel of Albia, R. W. Smith of Cen-
terville, F. M. Hunter of Ottumwa,
D. M. Anderson of Albia, Seneca
Cornell of Ottumwa, M. A. Roberts
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M. Rankin of Keokuk.

Saturday Holiday

The Saturday half holiday is not a
"modern blessing." It began in the

Hanshaw.
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Independent Ticket

Mayor.....
Treasurer.....
Assessor—T. J. Lee
Councilmen—Lee Dustin, Frank
Anderson, Lee Loveless, Bud Um-
phrey, Elmer Hollander

Servant of Humanity

Miss Fanny says she sees by the
papers where a trembler has been lo-
cated off the coast of Mexico, and she
hopes they will send a boat to day

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WILLIAM MANSFIELD WALKER was born in Van Buren County, Iowa, August 22, 1852, and died in Keosauqua March 19, 1930. His parents, Dr. Peter Walker and Christiann (Schuyler) Walker, died when William was a small boy. He thereafter lived with relatives, attended country school, early began teaching during winters, working on farms during summers. He took up the study of law, was admitted to the bar in 1881 and in 1884 located in Keosauqua as a member of the firm of Lea, Wherry & Walker. In 1885 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-first General Assembly. After the death of Mr. Lea in 1885 the firm remained Wherry & Walker until the removal of Mr. Wherry to Los Angeles, California, when the firm became Walker & McBeth and so remained until Mr. Walker was elected a judge of the Second Judicial District in 1922. He was re-elected four years later and was serving in that position at the time of his death. He was an ardent Republican and frequently shared actively in political campaigns. His principal interest, however, was in his profession in which he gained distinction for his thorough knowledge of the law, his professional rectitude, his fairness of judgment and his courage.

GODFREY S. BLOCKLINGER was born in Dubuque, Iowa, October 23, 1847, and died in Dubuque May 19, 1930. Burial was in Linwood Cemetery, Dubuque. His parents were Godfrey J. and Ursula Hilti Blocklinger, both natives of Switzerland. In 1864 William B. Allison, then a representative in Congress, secured the boy's appointment as a cadet in the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, from which he was graduated in 1868, having in the meantime rendered active service in the Navy during the later portion of the Civil War. He advanced regularly through the lower grades of service until he became a lieutenant commander in 1895, a commander in 1899, a captain in 1904, and a rear admiral before he retired in 1908. His duties took him to all parts of the world. In 1881 he was in command of an expedition sent by the government to survey the Madeiro River, one of the principal tributaries of the Amazon. He was in the Pacific at the time Dewey captured Manilla, co-operating with that commander. In his varied career in the Navy he brought credit to his native city and state.

CHRISTOPHER C. CRONBAUGH was born at Coldwater, Michigan, October 14, 1845, and died in Marengo, Iowa, February 10, 1930. He was with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cronbaugh, as they removed to Honey Creek Township, Iowa County, Iowa, in 1854. When a youth he availed himself of what school advantages pioneer times afforded in that locality. Farming was his vocation. In 1910 he retired and removed to Marengo. He held several local offices and in 1912 was elected representative and served in the Thirty-fifth General Assembly. He was a Democrat in politics.

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IOWA CEMETERIES

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SECTION 4 (Continued):

(Rev. Charles W. Shepherd, b. 1840, d. 1898.
(Co. G 3 Iowa Cav.
(Sarah M. Shepherd, b. 1842, d. 1920
(Olive Shepherd, b. 1876, d. 1922

The following four stones on the same lot:

(Father. Asa F. Davis, b. 25 Sept. 1816, d. 17 Mar. 1896
(Sarah, wife of A. F. Davis, d. 23 Sept. 1856, ae 34 yrs.
(Sarah C., dau. A. F. & S. Davis, d. 13 Sept. 1855,
(ae 1 mo. 22 days.

Harriet D., wife of C. W. Shepherd, died 12 Mar. 1873,
ae 22yrs., 3 mos., 5 days.

"L. M. "

Mary, dau. S. & N. Millington, d. 6 Apr. 1857, ae 2 yrs.,
5 mos., 21 days

The following seven stones on the same lot:

(Chandlee E. Yeager, b. 5 Mar. 1814, d. 1 Aug. 1900
(William R. Yeager, d. 2 Aug. 1846, ae. 21 mos.
(Eliza A. Yeager, d. 27 Aug. 1844, ae 15 mos.
(Minerva E. Yeager, d. 3 Sept. 1875, ae 56 yrs., 6 days

Mother, Sarah, wife of C. E. Yeager, b. 20 May 1839,
d. 12 July 1895

(Owen Dale Mathias, b. 1862, d. 1936
(Margaret L. Mathias, b. 1865, d. 1957

The following three stones on the same lot:

William Steele, d. 21 Aug. 1853, ae 43 yrs., 3 mos., 16 days

"S.M.C." (Foot stone)

"S.S." (Foot stone)

(Eliza Games, wife of Geo. W. Games, d. 22 May 1892,
(ae 69 yrs., 7 mos., 12 days
(Geo. W. Games, d. 28 Feb. 1878, ae 65 yrs., 8 mos., 9 days

(William M. Walker, b. 1852, d. 1930
(Estella B. Walker, b. 1864, d. 1953

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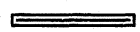
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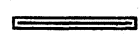
EDWARD H. STILES

For many years a member of the Iowa Bar; member of its House of Representatives, 1863-1864; member of its Senate, 1865-1866; Reporter of its Supreme Court, 1867-1875; author of Complete Digest of its Decisions from the earliest Territorial period to the 56th Iowa Reports.



"In old age alone we are masters of a treasure of which we cannot be deprived, the only treasure we can call our own. The pleasures of memory and the retrospect of the varied images which in an active life have floated before the mind, compensate, and more than compensate, for the alternate pleasures and cares of active life."—SIR ARCHIBALD ALLISON.

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worthy in a high degree, and his perfect integrity was beyond question. He retired from the practice in 1910 and has since then devoted himself more than ever to the sports of the field.

"*Billy*" *Walker* was a comparatively young man when I first became acquainted with him, and if now living, has scarcely passed the three score and ten mark. He belonged to an old and highly respectable Van Buren family. He studied law and became a member of that bar. He was naturally vivacious, bright and active. He early made his mark in the profession and came to be known as a sound and skilful lawyer. He was a member of the firm of *Lea, Wherry & Walker*, and afterwards of *Wherry & Walker*; after the death of *Lea*, and the removal of *Wherry* to California, he continued in successful practice at *Keosauqua*. His integrity was unquestioned, he had the confidence of the people and everybody liked him, for he was one of the best fellows in the world—kind, obliging, companionable and always ready to help a friend. He was one of the few individuals that it is always pleasant to meet. He made a call on me once when I was in *Kansas City*, and I felt that scarcely any occasion could have been more agreeable. His brother, *Moses*, who married a sister of *Thomas J. Potter*, the great railroad manager, was Clerk of our District Court at *Ottumwa* nearly fifty years ago. I hope *Billy* is still living and that these lines will remind him of his old friend.

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er; the mill was first a mile below Doud's Station; afterward, moved to Independent. Married Elizabeth W. Camblin Dec. 17, 1863; she was born Feb. 10, 1842, in Montgomery Co., Ohio; have had seven children; five living—Anna L., John A., Mary V., Charles R. and George. Members of the M. E. Church. He owns 209 acres of land, valued at \$5,300.

WALKER, PETER, REV., M. D. (deceased); born April 21, 1814, in Ross Co., Ohio; moved to Champaign Co., Ohio, in 1823; about the year 1834, began the study of medicine in West Middlebury; in 1843, moved to Village Tp., Van Buren Co., and engaged in farming and practicing medicine; also acted as local preacher; in the fall of 1854, moved to Libertyville, Jefferson Co., where he continued practicing. In October, 1861, he was elected Representative for Jefferson Co. for two years; at an extra session in September, 1862, he was commissioned by Governor Kirkwood as First Assistant Surgeon in the 30th Iowa V. I.; resigned his seat in the Legislature, rejoined his regiment at Keokuk, and was mustered in Sept. 12; on account of sickness, he was obliged to resign his commission, which he did Dec. 26, 1862, and returned to his home in Libertyville, where he died Jan. 13, 1863. He married Sarah G. Stokes March 29, 1838; she was born Nov. 15, 1818, in Logan Co., Ohio, and died Jan. 3, 1850; they had six children, two living—Moses B. and John R. On May 23, 1850, he married Christiann Schuyler; she was born Nov. 25, 1830, in Licking Co., Ohio, and died April 6, 1859; they had four children, three living—William M., Peter E. and Francis E. On Jan. 6, 1860, he married Mrs. Mary Drake (nee Brewer); she was born Jan. 18, 1818, in New York. Mr. Walker was a prominent member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities; he was Master Mason, Royal Arch Master, and Knight Templar.

WALKER, ZACHARIAH,

deceased; born July 15, 1811, in Pickaway Co., Ohio, and died March 4, 1875; moved to Champaign Co., Ohio, in 1823. There married Lydia A. Thomas June 12, 1834. He came to Van Buren Co. in 1839; made three claims for himself and brothers; returned to Ohio and moved his family to Iowa in 1840; in 1850, he went to California; returned in 1851; he was chosen Captain of the company taking the trip; they suffered considerably from cholera during the trip, from which many of the party died; were, also, attacked by Indians, on Humboldt River, but no lives lost; a bullet tore a lock of hair from Mr. Walker's head, but he was not otherwise injured; farming was his occupation through life. He served as Justice of the Peace about twelve successive years. Mrs. Walker was born Jan. 6, 1815, in Champaign Co., Ohio; they had ten children, eight living—Harriet E., John M., Mary E., Sarah J., Moses P., George A., Joseph E. and Francis R. G. Mr. Walker was and his wife is a member of the M. E. Church. The farm contains 200 acres of land, valued at \$5,500.

Wear, John T., far., Sec. 26; P. O. Doud's Station.

Whetsel, Emory, grain dealer, Independent; P. O. Hickory.

Wiley, Clark, far., Sec. 33; P. O. Doud's Station.

Williams, Henry, farmer, Sec. 31; P. O. Hickory.

Williams, Joshua, far., Sec. 1; P. O. Doud's Station.

Willis, John S., merchant; Doud's Station.

Willis, John A., farmer, Sec. 35; P. O. Doud's Station.

Wirt, David B., farmer and molder, Sec. 21; P. O. Doud's Station.

Weissenburger, David, laborer; P. O. Doud's Station.

YOUNG, J. T., far., Sec. 3; P. O. Hickory.

Young, William, farmer, Sec. 3; P. O. Hickory.

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ARCH W. McFARLANE, President of the Senate

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HON. WILLIAM MANSFIELD WALKER

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and public service of the Honorable William Mansfield Walker, state representative, reports as follows:

Mr. Walker was born in Van Buren county, Iowa, August 22, 1852, and died in Keosauqua March 19, 1930. His parents, Dr. Peter Walker and Christiann (Schuyler) Walker, having died when Mr. Walker was a small boy, he made his home with relatives, and attended country school, later teaching. He took up the study of law, was admitted to the bar in 1881 and in 1884 located in Keosauqua as a member of the firm of Lea, Wherry & Walker. In 1885 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-first General Assembly. After the death of Mr. Lea in 1885 the firm remained Wherry & Walker until the removal of Mr. Wherry to Los Angeles, California, when the firm became Walker & McBeth, and so remained until Mr. Walker was elected a judge of the Second Judicial District in 1922. He was re-elected four years later and was serving in that position at the time of his death.

Mr. Walker was greatly interested in his profession in which he gained distinction for his thorough knowledge of the law, his professional rectitude, his fairness of judgment and his courage. Nothing can demonstrate more clearly the quality of his mind and spirit than the fact that a man who had none of the advantages of law school or college could be elected as a member of the General Assembly and twice elected judge of the district court.

He was a man of broad human sympathy, charitable in his judgments, kindly and unselfish in his dealings with his fellowmen.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in the death of Honorable William Mansfield Walker, the state has lost a worthy and influential citizen; and

Be It Further Resolved, That this resolution of respect and appreciation be printed in the Journal of the House.

STANLEY WATTS,
LEONARD SIMMER,
H. C. PATTISON,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted April 13, 1931.

HON. DAVID D. WEBSTER

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and public service of the Honorable David D. Webster, late of Muscatine County, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following memorial:

David D. Webster was born in Louisa County, Iowa, May 2, 1858. He settled on a farm in Muscatine county. He was married to Anna Lone of Muscatine, September 7, 1881. To this union two children were born. Besides his wife he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Nellie Spring of Tucson, Arizona, and one son, Harry D. Webster of Muscatine.

He was affiliated in early life with the Methodist Church. Later he



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- *Name:* **William Mansfield Walker**
- *Given Name:* William Mansfield
- *Surname:* Walker
- *Sex:* M
- *_UID:* 9C17EA52BD3356458F027EFFE26FAB028687
- *Change Date:* 16 Dec 2007
- *Birth:* 22 AUG 1852 ¹
- *Death:* 19 MAR 1930 ¹
- *Ancestral File #:* 50

Father: [Peter Walker](#) b: 21 APR 1814

Mother: [Chrystianne Schuyler](#)

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