

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of **Representative** Walker, Andrew Cobb Senator _____

Represented Wright, Hancock, Winnibago, and North counties

1. Birthday and place 16 Jan 1828 Lemington, York County, Maine

2. Marriage (s) date place

Helenette Boothby 21 Mar 1849 Lemington, York County, Maine

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Farmer; real estate, collector and loan agent

4. Church membership Universalist

5. Sessions served 17th General Assembly 1878

6. Public Offices

A. Local North County deputy auditor; president of the independent school district of Northwood; mayor of Northwood; postmaster of Northwood;

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 7 Jul 1901 Northwood, Iowa; buried Sunset Rest Cemetery, Northwood, Iowa

8. Children Emma E. (Mrs. Charles J. Litchfield); Charles Howard

9. Names of parents Ebenezer and Mary Bangs (Cobb) Walker

10. Education Educated in an academy in York County, Maine

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He began teaching school at age 17 and continued this career for nearly 20 years until appointed chief clerk in the paymaster's office at Augusta, Maine.
- Later he was put in charge of the State Pension Bureau of Maine where he worked for several years.
- His health became fragile so in 1870 he came west, hoping to regain his strength. He settled in Northwood, Iowa in 1871 where he became a successful dealer in land and breeder of thoroughbred stock.
- Military service - Civil War - appointed chief clerk in the paymaster general's office in Augusta, Maine. He also was in charge of the State Pension Bureau for indigent soldiers.
- His wife, Harriette, born 20 June 1826, died 28 June 1902, also buried at Sunset Rest Cemetery, Northwood, Iowa.

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Applicability

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Andrew Cobb Walker was born at Limington, in the state of Maine, Jan. 16th, 1828. He received an academical education and engaged in the profession of school teaching at the age of seventeen, which he followed nearly twenty years, until he was appointed by the governor of Maine chief clerk in the paymaster's office at Augusta. After serving in that office faithfully for some time he was put in charge of the State Pension Bureau of Maine, where for several years he disbursed nearly \$50,000.00 per year to indigent soldiers.

He had a wide acquaintance in Maine and enjoyed the confidence of all who knew him and readily commanded high positions of trust and honor, but his health showed signs of failing in 1870 and he came West, hoping to renew his strength, and settled in Northwood, Iowa, in 1871. In Northwood he immediately assumed an active position and became very successful as a dealer in land and a breeder of thoroughbred stock. He filled positions in county, town and school offices in Northwood and Worth county: was once mayor of Northwood and once a member of the legislature of Iowa, and was appointed by President Harrison as postmaster at Northwood.

At an early age he was married to Harriette Boothby, who has been his faithful companion and constant helpmeet ever since, in a union which for fifty-two years has been an ideal of the institution of marriage in a Christian land. Two children were born to them, Mrs. Etta W. Littlefield and Charles H. Walker, both of whom survive and are residents of Northwood.

Mr. Walker's father and mother were devoted and consecrated members of

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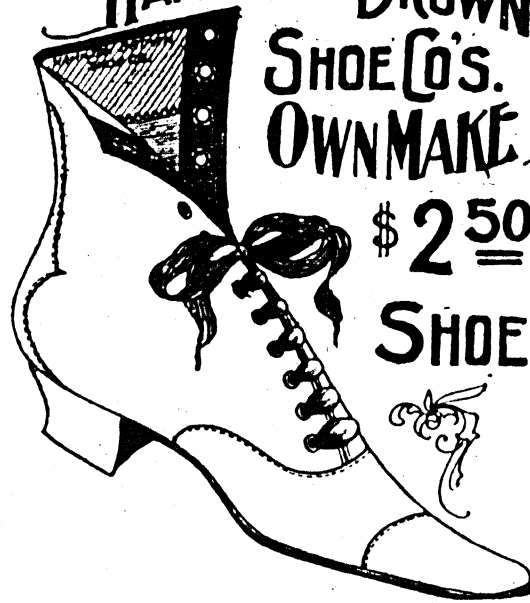


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Mr. Walker's father and mother were devoted and consecrated members of the Free Baptist church and gave their children religious training after the manner of the Puritans of New England, and the religious habits and impressions which were acquired by Mr. Walker in childhood were retained by him until his death, and the love of his mother's church was cherished by him at all times. While at Augusta, Maine, he attended Universalist church and there first acquired glimpses of that great faith that salvation is sure. He never united with any church until a Universalist church was organized in Northwood in 1896, under the pastorate of Rev. Henry L. F. Gillespie, of which church he became a charter member and was elected clerk and treasurer, which office he held until he died. He supported the church liberally with funds and was constant in attendance on its services, and often said with enthusiasm that he would cheerfully carry much more of the burden rather than miss its communion. He taught a class in Sunday school with rare ability and zeal and engaged in the services of worship with a deep spiritual feeling which gave conscious communion with the Heavenly Father.

He was initiated as a Free Mason when but little past boyhood, and rapidly advanced through the degrees of the order and attained proficiency in its teachings until he became a Master Mason. He was for nearly thirty years a member of the lodge at Northwood, and filled all its stations and for many years served as its Master. It is said that he was painstaking in the work of the order, cherished a deep regard for its teachings and ministrations of kindness, loved its councils, was constant in attendance of its meetings and in the performance of his duties as a member.

Mr. Walker was a man with a kind heart which was easily touched by the misfortunes of others, and he often bestowed charity by giving money or other things in such a way that the recipients never knew whence the help came.

He was scrupulously honest in business and his name was above reproach. He died at his pleasant home in Northwood, July 17th, 1901, attended by the faithful and loving ministrations of his wife and children and enjoying the universal respect of all who knew him.

He had no fear of death but regarded it as one of the beautiful designs of the Creator; simply a new birth into a higher condition where eternal life may be had more abundantly F. F.

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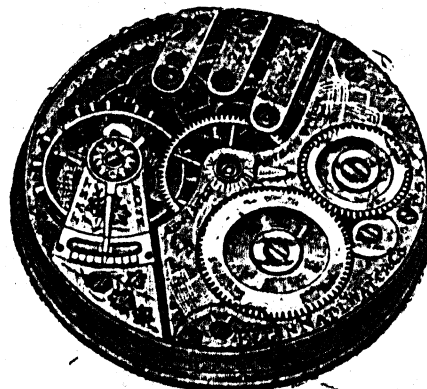
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the district, this time bearing the number sixty-nine.

In 1875 H. H. Bush was chosen to represent the sixty-ninth representative district, and Hon. Lemuel Dwelle, as senator from the forty-sixth senatorial district, in both of which Worth county had a part interest.

October, 1877, brought around another legislative election, and the seventy-seventh district, composed of Wright, Winnebago, Hancock and Worth, returned as their choice the Hon. A. C. Walker, of Northwood.

Andrew C. Walker, of the firm of Walker Brothers, real estate, collection and loan agents and conveyancers, settled in Northwood, Worth Co., Iowa, in 1871. He was born in York Co., Maine, Jan. 16, 1828. Receiving an academical education, he taught school several years, commencing to teach at the age of seventeen years. In 1864 he was appointed chief clerk in the paymaster-general's office at Augusta, Maine. He also had charge of the State pension bureau, disbursing from \$30,000 to \$50,000 a year to its indigent soldiers. Perhaps no man in Maine had a larger acquaintance with the prominent public men there than Mr. Walker had when he left Augusta in the spring of 1871, having been for seven years in constant employ at the State house, serving as clerk on many important committees, such as that of equalization, of municipal war debts, investigation of paper credits, etc. He was married in Maine to Harriette, daughter of Israel Boothby. They have two children—Emma E., wife of Charles F. Littlefield, a prominent merchant of North-

wood, and Charles H., of the same place. Mr. Walker, after coming to this county, was appointed deputy auditor, elected president of the independent school district, chairman of school house building committee; held the office of mayor of the city, and was elected representative and served in the seventeenth General Assembly. He is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity.

In 1879 F. M. Goodykoontz was elected from this, the forty-seventh senatorial district, and at the same time the representative district returned J. M. Hull to the lower house.

In 1881 F. M. Goodykoontz having resigned his place as senator, the district returned H. G. Parker to fill the vacancy, J. E. Anderson, of Winnebago, being sent to the lower house by a large vote.

The county of Worth, by the new distribution of districts, with the counties of Winnebago and Hancock, forms the eighty-sixth representative district, and with Mitchell and Howard, the forty-first senatorial district.

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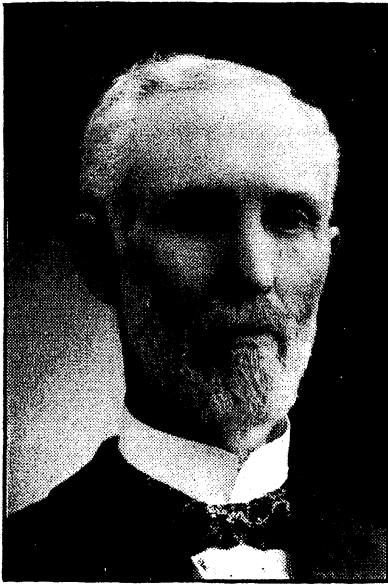
Hon. S. O. Peterson, of Northwood, is the only citizen of the county that has filled this position, having been appointed to that office in the autumn of 1881. As he has been one of the most prominent men in the county, both officially and otherwise, and this being the most important office, a sketch of his life and services is here presented: S. O. Peterson is bank examiner of the State of Iowa. He settled in Northwood, Iowa, in 1866, where he has since resided. He was born in Norway, Aug. 1, 1843, and at the age of nineteen emigrated to the United States,

**THE
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Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Platting of the City

THE CHARMING CITY OF NORTHWOOD, IOWA

B. H. BECKETT, DECEASED



B. H. Beckett, one of the pioneers of Worth county, was born in Warren county, Indiana, and came to Worth county and Northwood in the summer of 1857. In June of the same year he contracted for the erection of the first store building ever built in Northwood and in October 1857 placed on display the first stock of goods ever seen in Worth county.

All his goods were transported by team from McGregor, a distance of 120 miles. In 1869 he opened the first abstract office in the county. Later he entered the banking business for a time. At the time of his death April 27, 1899, he was one of the wealthiest men in Worth county.

Mr. Beckett was the father of three children, C. H. Beckett, vice president of the Worth County State Bank, Ida, wife of Capt. H. A. White, of Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., and Minnie, wife of G. E. Whitcomb, of Northwood. His wife, Mrs. Mary Beckett survives him.

I. M. BOLTON, DECEASED



I. M. Bolton was one of the very earliest settlers of Worth county. He settled on a farm three miles north of Northwood in July, 1856, where he continued to reside for many years, finally retiring to this city where he remained until his death.

He was born in England June 2, 1834. Coming to America in 1851 he tarried for a time in Dane county,

Wis. After a short trip to his native land he came to Worth county and settled on the farm in Grove township, which he still owned at the time of his death.

In 1860 he was married to Miss Dinah J. Bickell, who still survives him. They were the parents of eight children now located as follows: T. E. Bolton, Fertile, Iowa; C. F. Bolton, Iowa City, Iowa; Livingstone Bolton, Alberta,

Can.; James M. Bolton, Windom, Minn.; Mrs. R. R. Pelton, Chicago, Ill.; Geo. I. Bolton, Merrill, Wis.; T. William Bolton, Alberta, Can.; Miss Laura J. Bolton, Northwood.

Mr. Bolton was a volunteer soldier of the rebellion and was promoted to the rank of 1st lieutenant. He was for a number of years a member of the board of supervisors of Worth county. His death occurred in Northwood Nov. 10, 1900.

WILLIAM HUNTER, DECEASED



Though not one of the earliest pioneers, William Hunter was so long a prominent figure in the affairs of Northwood that a history not containing his name would be incomplete. He was born in Seneca county, N. Y., April 15, 1827, and came to

Northwood in 1868. For a time he was in the lumber and machinery business. In 1886 he sold his interests in this line and started a furniture store. In 1896 he sold this business to his son, W. W. Hunter, but continued to participate in the work as long as he lived.

In 1846 he was married to Miss Sarah Pike, who survives him and resides in the old family home in this city. Six children were born to them, five of whom are still living, C. P. Hunter and G. G. Hunter of Minneapolis and W. W. Hunter, Mrs. Edwin Collin and Mrs. W. H. Barnes of Northwood. Mr. Hunter's death occurred April 1, 1901.

HON. A. C. WALKER, DECEASED



Hon. A. C. Walker is another man, who, though not strictly speaking a pioneer, yet whose name is inextricably mixed with the development of Northwood. He was born in York county, Maine, January 16, 1828, and came to Northwood in 1871. From 1863 to 1871 he was chief

THE CHARMING CITY OF NORTHWOOD, IOWA

clerk in the paymaster general's office in Augusta, Maine, and also had charge of the state pension bureau.

After coming to Northwood he engaged in the real estate business and in the remaining years of his life amassed a comfortable fortune. Mr. Walker was mayor of Northwood and representative from the 69th district in the 17th general assembly.

Mr. Walker was married to Miss Harriette Boothby on the 20th day of March 1849. They had two children, Mrs. C. F. Littlefield and C. H. Walker, both of Northwood. Mr. Walker died July 17, 1901 and Mrs. Walker June 28, 1902.



MR. AND MRS. O. A. LEE, DECEASED

Among the very earliest settlers of Worth county and Northwood were Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Lee. They came from Mitchell county in 1854 and lived for a time with the family of G. O. Mellem in a log house near where the store of Holland & Page now stands. They moved to Grove township and later to Bristol township, where they passed the remainder of their days. They have both gone to their reward. The following loving tribute to their memory was written by Mrs. Dina Torgerson, a lifelong friend:

"Two most worthy pioneers of Worth county, although departed from this world, are still living in the memory of their many relatives and friends. He, honest, faithful and kindhearted, always trying to make those around him happy; she, the loving helpmate looking up to her husband as the head of the family. Though deprived of the luxuries of today, yet in possession of that great blessing, contentment; the old bible, the book of books, being the leading star in whose light their pilgrimage was always bright. Three sons and seven daughters were raised in this home under the influence of those pious parents. The son Alexander, a student at Luther college, Decorah, Iowa, died at the age of seventeen years. As death drew near he saw an angel come to bear his soul to heaven. The daughter Emma, a remarkable

young lady, was called to her heavenly home at the age of thirty years: when passing away she saw the light that was leading her through the valley of death; such are the fruits of true faith. The other members of the family are well known citizens of Worth and Winnebago counties. As they learned to honor their father and mother in their childhood home, they still honor the memory of those pious parents by using the bible as their guide on the journey of life, and I doubt not that each one will often recall to memory that happy group gathered around the fireside, singing with rare musical talent the good old hymns and listening to the words from the old, old bible, now the treasure of our sturdy, manly sheriff; and when he sees its pages, he will think the poet wrote these words for him:

My father read this holy book
To brothers, sisters dear;
How calm was my dear mother's look,
Who loved God's word to hear.
Her angel face, I see it yet;
What thronging memories come:
Again this little group is met
Within the walls of home.
Thou truest friend man ever knew,
Thy constancy I've tried;
When all was false I've found thee true,
My counselor and guide.
The mines of earth no treasure give
That could this volume buy;
In teaching me the way to live
It taught me how to die.

HON. LEMUEL DWELLE

Hon. Lemuel Dwelle, the oldest living pioneer business man of Northwood, was born in Greenwich, Washington county, N. Y., on the 16th day of August, 1824. He grew up on a farm receiving a common school education. In 1857 he journeyed westward arriving in Northwood on the 4th day of May of that year. On the 5th day of July 1857 he platted the present city site and laid the foundations of its future growth.

From the very day of his arrival he identified himself



Title page of old Bible, printed in 1550; for generations in possession of the Lee family; now owned by Sheriff G. A. Lee of Northwood.

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North America

Andrew Cobb Walker[Pedigree](#)

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Event(s):**Birth:** 10 JAN 1828 Limington, York, Maine**Christening:****Death:****Burial:****Parents:****Father:** [Ebenezer Walker](#)[Family](#)**Mother:** [Mary Bangs Cobb](#)**Messages:**

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Birth: 16 Jan 1828
Limington, York, Maine

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Norwood, Iowa

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Spouse: [Harriett Boothby](#) Disc #138 Pin #2264353

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