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Name of Representative Andrews, John R. Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Decatur County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1828 Springfield, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Rebecca Jane Chilson Taylor 1847 Ohio

3. Significant events for example:  
A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities G.A.R.

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sessions served 10<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1864

6. Public Offices  
A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 14 July 1878 Decatur County, Iowa; buried Old Cemetery, Des Moines, Iowa

8. Children \_\_\_\_\_

9. Names of parents \_\_\_\_\_

10. Education \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Other applicable information \_\_\_\_\_

- Military service - Civil War - Co. I, 34<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry
- His wife, Rebecca, born 21 Jan 1834, died 19 June 1917 at Indianola, Iowa
- The G.A.R. Post #487 at Lamoni, Iowa in Decatur County was named in his honor.

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### Key to Abbreviations

b. born; p. parents; w. wife; c. children; o. occupation; ch. church; c. to D. c. came to Decatur county; l. lodges; d. died.

**AKERS, B. B.**—b. 1848, Ind.; p. Jacob and Catherine; c. to D. c. 1856; w. Geniva Hall; c. Minnie, Ada, Robert, Nettie, Anna, George; o. farmer.

**AKERS, BENJAMIN**—b. 1830, Ind.; p. Bede and Lydia; c. to D. c. 1851; w. Mary Jane Genter, Elizabeth Hickman, Mary A. McLaughlin; c. Elzann, Sarah, Nancy, William, Lydia, Thomas, Jesse, John, Laura, Benjamin, Edgar, Mary, Austin, Hattie L.; o. farmer; ch. Baptist; d. 1894.

**AKERS, SPENCER**—b. 1826, Ind.; p. Bede and Lydia; c. to D. c. 1851; w. Elizabeth Ader; c. M. W. Armilda, Thomas, Eveline, Racine, Fidelia, Garrett, Spencer, Benjamin; o. farmer and county supervisor, helped locate county seat; l. Mason.

**AKERS, WILLIAM H.**—b. 1855, Grand River Twp.; p. Benjamin and Mary; w. Mary J. Hickson; c. Hallie A., Harry L., Henry M., Jesse F., Lizzie, Elmer; o. farmer; ch. Baptist.

**ALDEN, WILLIAM**—b. 1822, New York; p. William and Sarah; c. to D. c. 1856; w. Leah Rock; c. Sarah, Alma, Jabin, Katie, Henry, Eureka, Mary, William, Virgil; o. farmer.

**ALEXANDER, ELI H.**—b. 1822, Jackson co., Ind.; p. Reuben and Jean; c. to D. c. 1855; w. Sallie E. Flinn; c. Curtis, Eugene, Morris, Cora, W. A., Edward, Lenna, Emma, Olive; o. farmer, Civ. War vet.; l. Mason; d. 1903.

**ALEXANDER, W. A.**—b. 1857, High Point Twp.; p. Eli H. and Sallie E.; w. Ida Yanney and Adella L. Merwin; c. Lucille, Olive M., Enid; o. druggist; ch. Methodist Episcopal; l. Knights of Pythias, Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorassan, Yeomen.

**ALLBAUGH, WILLIAM A.**—b. 1858, Decatur co.; p. John and Mary; w. Laura Gammon; c. Carrie, Ronald and Leland; o. farmer and grocery man; d. 1938.

**ALLEN, CHARLES**—b. 1826, Yates co., New York; p. Jesse and Sarah; c. to D. c. 1855; w. California Williams; c. Mary, Ida, Charles, Lizzie, Stella, George, Rose; o. farmer and carpenter. In 1849 he traveled on the first railroad ever built in Ohio.

**ALLEN, JACOB**—b. 1827, Ohio; p. Christian and Sarah; c. to D. c. 1866; w. Rhoda Imes; c. Lavanche, Wm., Thomas, George, Nevada, John; o. farmer and Civ. War vet.

**ANDREWS, HON. JOHN B.**—b. 1829, Jefferson co., Ia.; c. to D. c. 1857; w. Rebecca J. Taylor; o. served 1 year in Iowa Gen. Assembly—enlisted in war for Union; promoted from 1st Lieut. to Capt.; d. 1878.

**ARNOLD, GUY P.**—b. 1843, Seneca co., Ohio; p. Sylvanus and Lucretia; w. Elsie Howes; c. to D. c. 1854; c. H. G., Helen, Ethel, John; l. Mason, Knights of Pythias.

**ASBACH, WILLIAM**—b. 1848, Germany; p. John and Veronica; c. to D. c. 1854; w. Maria Mitchell; c. Catherine, William, John, Ruth, Dow, Esther, Myrtle; o. farmer; ch. Church of Christ.

**ASHBURN, JAMES M.**—b. 1842, Tazewell co., Ill.; p. Jesse and Almira; w. Ruth E. Mercer; c. to D. c. 1856; c. Laura, Benjamin, James, Luella, Margaret, Dithema, Nina, William, Arnetta, Nellie, Jesse, John; o. farmer, Civ. War vet.; l. Odd Fellows, G. A. R.

**BAKER, DE. GEORGE WASHINGTON**—b. 1823, Jennings co., Ind.; p. Morris and Margaret; c. to D. c. 1857; w. Susan Warner; c. Erastus, Clarence, George, James; o. Physician.

**BAKER, J. F.**—b. 1824; p. Joseph and Mary; c. to D. c. 1855; w. Elizabeth A. Lentz; c. Joseph, Richard, Polk, John; o. School teacher.

**BAKER, JOHN J.**—p. Charles and Rebecca; c. to D. c. 1852; w. Elizabeth Edwards; c. Charles, Rebecca, Ellen, Elizabeth, and Lucy;

\*These are settlers who came to Decatur county before 1870. Some are missing from this list because no information could be found concerning them.

Department of Iowa  
Grand Army of the Republic

Name Andrews, John R

Membership

Occupation

Born 1828, Jefferson Co., Ia.

Died July 14, 1878, Decatur Co., Ia.

Buried Old Cem., Daviscity, Iowa

War Record: 1st Lieut I 34 Iowa Inf

Roster Iowa Soldiers: Andrews, John R  
Age 33. Residence Decatur, nativity  
Ohio. Appointed 1st Lieut. Aug. 15,  
1862. Mustered Oct. 15, 1862. Re-  
signed Feb. 17, 1863, St. Louis, Mo.

Post Name	Number	Location	Date Joined
J.R. Andrews	487	Lamoni (Decatur Co)	
Named in honor of Lieut. John R. Andrews.			

Offices of Honor in G. A. R.

Sources: Graves Reg: birth, death, burial/  
Decatur Co. Jour. July 25, 1878, Leon, Ia.

Serial No.

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Personal History

Father

Mother

Wife Rebecca Jane Taylor

Children

Sources: Leon Journal J1 25, 1878

gium. If he is given a free hand by Congress there will be a lot of food speculators who will come to grief. The plan of the administration and Congress is to give Mr. Hoover the kind of a law he wants, and to put "plenty of teeth" into it. This will make it possible to confiscate food products, and to fix prices that will be fair to the consumer, as well as the dealer.

Because this is the greatest problem connected with our internal affairs, the representative of The Herald asked for a special statement for The Herald, and Dr. R. L. Wilbur was designated by Mr. Hoover to prepare a statement. Mr. Wilbur is President of the Stanford University of California, and is temporary head of the Department of Food Conservation of the Food Administration. He says:

"The United States is just coming to a realization of the world's food problem. The unusual and unique conditions associated with the Great World War have had a profound effect upon the production, distribution and consumption of foodstuffs. The world had been linked together in such a way that there was a flow of foodstuffs, particularly grain, to the point where they were most needed. With the changes brought about by placing several millions of men on the battle line and with the submarine effect on shipping, all of this has materially changed, as far as Europe is concerned.

"In America there has always been a surplus of foodstuffs and we have contributed materially to the support of other countries. We have never had to make a particular effort to conserve our food supply or to avoid hunger and starvation by thrift. We now find ourselves the one great source of the surplus food that must reach Europe, if we are to win the war. That surplus will be scanty, particularly this year because of the comparative failure of the winter wheat, and it can only be increased by the most conservative use of our supplies and by the most restricted use of food by our European Allies.

"The problem of feeding ourselves and feeding our own army abroad and of feeding our Allies is the most pressing one that is immediately before each and every individual. We are asking the women of the country to be the first to organize themselves for food conservation. We hope to have all of them sign a pledge to follow our directions, which will be simple and few, which will if carried out, have a marked effect upon the food which we can export. It will also contribute materially to getting the prices of foods upon a more satisfactory basis. The war has disturbed the ordinary course of life, and the effect has gone far beyond the normal. This is the effect of lack of control in this country, and the abnormal call for

sumed, in the United States, for a broader and a more liberal democracy after the war.

### Mrs. R. J. Patterson

Rebecca J. Taylor was born January 1st, 1834 at East Springfield, Ohio, being a member of one of the most highly respected families of the state of Ohio. She was regarded as one of the most charming and beautiful young women of the whole community. But her greatest beauty was found in what she was; how to make others happy by helping them was one of the dominating characteristics of her noble nature from early girlhood.

At the age of 22 she was married to John R. Andrews who was a member of another pioneer and distinguished family of Ohio. One year after their marriage they came to Iowa in 1857, locating in Decatur County. When the Civil War broke out her husband, though very young was one of the first to enlist and soon became a Colonel in the army. To her great joy he was spared to return from the war. He died in 1878. She was again married in 1882 to Rev. George W. Patterson, one of the strong and well known ministers of that day and who was pastor of the Methodist church of which she and her former husband were members. They removed to Indianola in the spring of 1891 and soon after, Rev. Patterson retired from the active ministry in which he had been so successful. He died in May 1908.

She never remembered the day that she did not believe in Christ or did not love Him supremely. She became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at a very early age and her whole life was increasingly devoted to the service of her Master and the service of humanity. She gave liberally of her means for the spread of the gospel at home and abroad. She was a strong supporter of the First Methodist Church of Indianola to which she was greatly devoted and of which she has long been a most consistent member. She has also been liberal in her support of Simpson college and the Iowa Methodist hospital at Des Moines. But even more praiseworthy than all this has been that help given to worthy individuals in hours of need and which the world has not seen, not letting her left hand know what her right hand doeth. Many a young man and woman as well as others rise up today to call her blessed because she has helped them over rough places in life, helping them to secure an education and otherwise to go on their way rejoicing in the sweet thought that somebody cares.

While not a mother of children the mother spirit was the consuming passion, perhaps, appreciates this much more than the nephew who pens this tribute to

Dr. Herbert D. Porterfield who several months ago left Red Oak, where he had a successful medical practice, to enter regular army service at Washington D. C. He held the rank of Lieut. in the Medical Corps.

### Training Camps for Reserve

The United States Government, announcing its plans for the selection of officers' training camp, makes a special appeal to men of mature age. The department strongly desires men by virtue of their ripe judgment and that force of character which, with years, are able to lead others.

Men of 31 and over, and up to 45 years of age, are particularly desirable—professional men—men now in responsible positions and business executives and men of special training up to 50 years. The military officials point out further that the more mature men, who are ready to consider it a solemn duty to accept positions as officers rather than content through mere

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"If a food Administration is set up and if food waste is stopped and our food supply is properly conserved, we should be able to stop the rise in prices here and also contribute sufficient for our Allies. 'To save is to serve' is to be the motto of the great group of women and men associated with us as members of the Food Administration. Their aim will be to live wisely, but not too well, to eat freely but to avoid waste, to eat vegetables and food products grown near home and to save staples for export.

"I feel confident that the splendid volunteer spirit of service of the American people will demonstrate itself in solving our food problem and that all American producers, manufacturers, merchants and consumers will work together towards a common end."

"All the machinery of the government is working for success in the war, and efficient telephone service is essential," reads a big display advertisement in the Washington newspapers, which, in another part, continues: "You can help if, during the business hours of the day, you will restrict the use of the telephone so far as possible, avoid all unnecessary calls and make your talks brief." The local telephone company carries this advertising over its signature. All of a sudden the local telephone service at the Capital is practically doubled, and the company has been staggering under a heavy load that has almost swamped it. Hundreds of new "Hello girls," and hundreds of new telephones have been added, all incident to the war. The public has been asked by the telephone company to save their telephone nickels. The advertising is something of a curiosity, as it is perhaps the only one of its kind ever printed asking people to reduce their patronage—instead of soliciting more of it.

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While not a mother of children the mother spirit was the consuming passion of her great soul. No one, perhaps, appreciates this much more than the nephew who pens this tribute to her sacred memory. Yet, there is one in the person of her step-daughter, Mrs. Lottie Lamb who with her daughter Doris survive to mourn their irreparable loss. Such mutual and deep-seated devotion between mother and daughter has scarcely if ever, been witnessed. Surely it must be said by many of us but by none so truly as by Mrs. Lamb—"Thou shalt be missed for thy chair will be empty" for it was Mrs. Lamb who, in her never failing faithfulness and devotion remained at her side ministering to her every need while others came and went.

Of the many happy milestones along the pathway of her precious life one of the happiest during the last several years when she has been shut in because of the blindness of her eyes and the feebleness of her old age has been the annual celebration of her birthday on every New Year's Day when three families of her relatives in Des Moines consisting of Mr. and Mrs. George Cosson, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Lamb and Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Porter, have joined her and her family in celebrating it. Aside from other relatives who survive her one of the most cherished is Mrs. Kate Riggs, who is more like a sister than a cousin. Their lives have been well nigh inseparable. One half brother, Rev. Thos. Taylor of Ohio, and one half sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison of Pennsylvania, also survive her.

"Rest, Dear one, Rest though tender ties are riven,  
Flowers which thou lovest above thy pillow bloom;  
Thou'lt meet us, Dear one, at the gate of Heaven,  
When we have laid our bodies in the tomb."

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed is the dead which dieth in the Lord from henceforth: Yea saith the Spirit that she may rest from her labors and her works do follow her."

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Prof. John L. Tilton, in charge of the local officers' recruiting headquarters of the Military Training Camp Association, emphasizes the words of the Washington office: "Since the ideal of service is for every man to do what he is particularly fitted to do, men of maturity should consider that they are fulfilling their plain duty by qualifying as officers; that they are serving their country most efficiently by serving as commanders."

This is the final call for older men from civil life, who have a fund of real, personal experience. Young men can rise from the ranks, but the training camp is primarily for those over 31 years of age.

The war department makes it clear that when the men, who seek commissions at this last camp, have taken their places as leaders of the first 500,000, all promotions will come from the rank and file.

In brief, the following are the qualifications for admission to the training camps.

An intelligent, trained mind. Executive business ability. Previous military training is an asset—but not necessary. The maximum age limit is 45 years; the minimum, twenty-nine months. However, in order to obtain the experienced class of officers desired, preference will be given those over 31 years of age, other things being equal.

The war department expressly states that because of the anticipated number of applications, it will probably be difficult for men under 35 years to qualify, except in instances where the applicants have present qualifications or unusual military experience.

The government will pay civilian training at the rate of \$100 per month and will also furnish transportation, subsistence and uniform. Men who receive commissions will be paid, when in active service, at the same rate as regular United States army officers.

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## Husband's Name

John R ANDREWS (AFN:23ZK-BHF)

Pedigree

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<b>Died:</b> 1878	<b>Place:</b> Des Moines, , Iowa
<b>Married:</b> 1847	<b>Place:</b> Ohio

**Father:****Mother:**

## Wife's Name

Rebecca Jane Chilson TAYLOR (AFN:1W56-JC8)

Pedigree

<b>Born:</b> 27 Jan 1834	<b>Place:</b> , , Oh
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**Father:** Thomas Huet TAYLOR (AFN:1PQ4-645)

Family

**Mother:** Rebecca HAMMOND (AFN:MRDP-HX)

## Children



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## U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865

Name: **John R. Andrews**  
 Side: Union  
 Regiment State/Origin: Iowa  
 Regiment Name: 34 Iowa Infantry  
 Regiment Name Expanded: 34th Regiment, Iowa Infantry  
 Company: I  
 Rank In: First Lieutenant  
 Rank In Expanded: First Lieutenant  
 Rank Out: First Lieutenant  
 Rank Out Expanded: First Lieutenant  
 Film Number: M541 roll 1

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Name: **John R Andrews**  
Rank: 1 Lieutenant  
Unit: IA 34 Inf I  
Birth Information: 1829 OH  
Death Information: 14 Jul 1878  
Cemetery: Old Davis City  
Cemetery Location: Davis City Decatur IA  
Comments: apptd 1 Lieut 15 Aug 1862 age 33 res Decatur IA comm Co I 15 Oct 1862 resigned 17 Feb 1863 St Louis MO

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