

Anna BLAUER

5-12-1838 to 3-10-1923

and

George WALTER

8-10-1833 to ??-??-????

and

Their Descendants

ANNA RUBY BLAUER and GEORGE WALTER

How her grand children would have bombarded her with questions had they known the exciting experiences that had been Anna Ruby Blauer's!

Girlhood days in Grindelwald, Switzerland...Watching the grazing cattle in the mountains and participating in the making of cheese...Working in the Grindelwald Hotel to help finance an amazing project...Migration to America!

Leaving her parents, her older brother and six younger sisters behind Anna made an ocean voyage with her two younger brothers, John and Chris and a Cousin Elry Bowen. They took a boat up the Mississippi River where they made their personal discovery of Iowa, and with great determination were reunited with their family twenty-one months later, December 1862, in Louisa County, Iowa. Here she helped to create a new home in a new World!

Although she never had the opportunity to tell her story to her young people who missed part of their birth right, their quiet little brown-eyed ancestor is remembered for what she was and what she did. A homemaker who made her love visible by the delicious food she prepared; the shelves of can fruit, vegetables from her garden, mouth watering jelly and jam, her beautiful garden flowers (she satisfied body and soul), and her neat hospitable home.

Four sons grew to adulthood in a home of peace and tranquility. A baby boy and an eight year old daughter were among her greatest losses. But, to a young girl who needed a home and love, she gave so much of herself that the descendants feel a real kinship with the Blauers.

The respect and love she bestowed upon the man she married, George Walter from Baden Baden, Germany, and his loyalty, love and good humor will always be sacred memories to their grand children.

A grand daughter who helped at vacation time during her grandmother's failing days, remembers her gratitude and patience as well as her uncomplaining suffering and how satisfied she was with any food prepared for her. When her life neared its end, her concern included that grand daughter in college, whom she did not want disturbed in her studies. "We have been together and have said good-bye", was her explanation; and grandmother had her way even in death.

A grand son recalls vividly the kitchen stirring spoon worn through the years to half its original width, but serving adequately to the end. No luxuries were bought. No unnecessary items. A tool still useful was never discarded.

A grand daughter remembers vividly and stresses her grandfather's cheerful smile and the twinkle in his blue eyes, even when he was in his nineties.

All remember their grand parents' optimism, strength, courage, and good humor, as well as their interest and pride in their children and grandchildren. Through the years their faith grew stronger, faith in their chosen country, in people, and in God.

The descendants of Anna Ruby Blauer from Grindelwald, Switzerland and George Walter from Baden Baden, Germany, know that their ancestors were the essence of the greatest of pioneers and the builders of this nation. Had the generations of Americans who followed them practiced their kind of economy and thrift, the ecology of this land would not be threatened now, nor would this nation be plagued by the pollution problems of today.

Reminiscences penned by their grandchildren

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF IOWA REQUIRING FILING OF
VITAL RECORDS. THIS RECORD IS NOT VALID IF THIS PHOTO-
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Norman L. Pawlewski

NORMAN L. PAWLEWSKI
STATE REGISTRAR

Don R. Coughenour

DON R. COUGHENOUR
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

AUG 17, 1979

070-1786

ORIGINAL

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF VITAL STATISTICS
STATE OF IOWA

1 PLACE OF DEATH Muscatine, Iowa
County _____ State _____ Registered No. 18
Township Muscatine or Village _____ or
City Muscatine, No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its name instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME George Walter
955 Newell St.,
(a) Residence, No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____
(Usual place of abode)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 3 yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.
(If nonresident give city or town and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX M 4 COLOR OR RACE W. 5 Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word) Widower

6a If married, widowed, or divorced
HUSBAND of Anna Blauer Walter (Deceased)
(or) WIFE of

6 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) 8/8/1833

7 AGE Years 95 Months 5 Days 8 If less than 1 day, hrs. or min.

8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Retired

(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

(c) Name of employer

9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Baden, Germany
(State or country)

10 NAME OF FATHER George Walter.,

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) Germany
(State or country)

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Christina Ross

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) Germany
(State or Country)

Informant John J. Walters
(Address) Amesbury, Iowa

Filed Jan 17, 1929 R. S. Tipton
by Hilda J. Williams Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) 1/16/29 19

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Dec 15 1928, to Jan 12 1929, 19
that I last saw him alive on Dec 29 1928
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 10.30 P m.
THE CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Senility

CONTRIBUTORY Influences and debility

(Secondary) following (duration) yrs. mos. ds.

18 Where was disease contracted
if not at place of death place of death

Did an operation precede death? Date of no

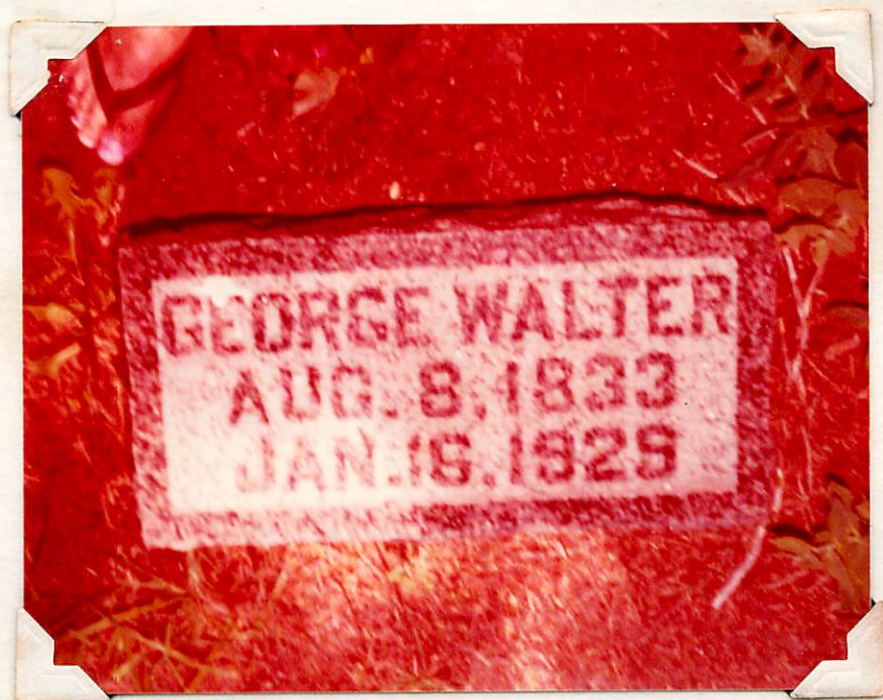
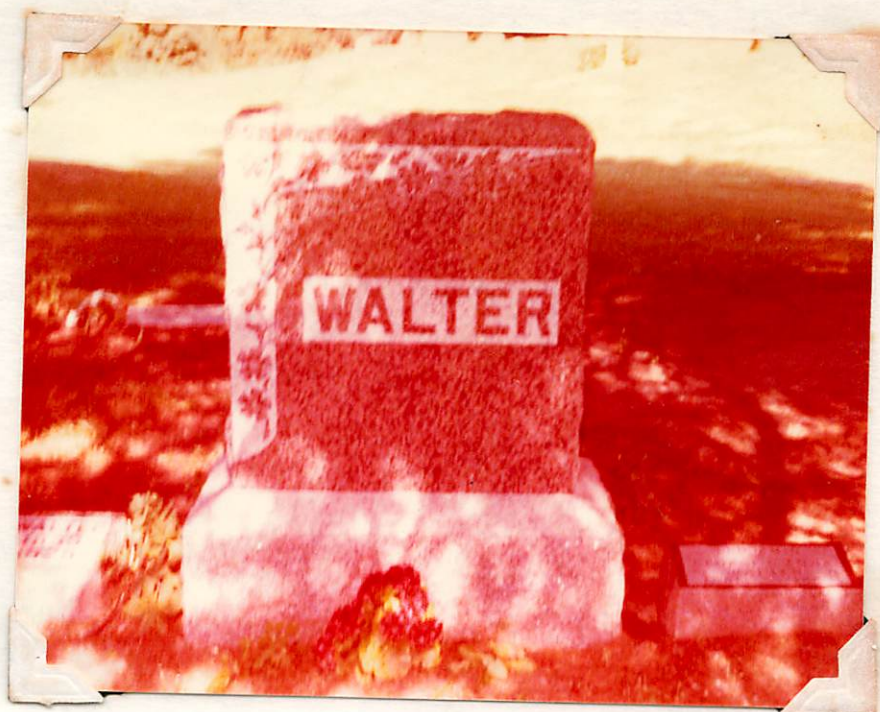
Was there an autopsy? no

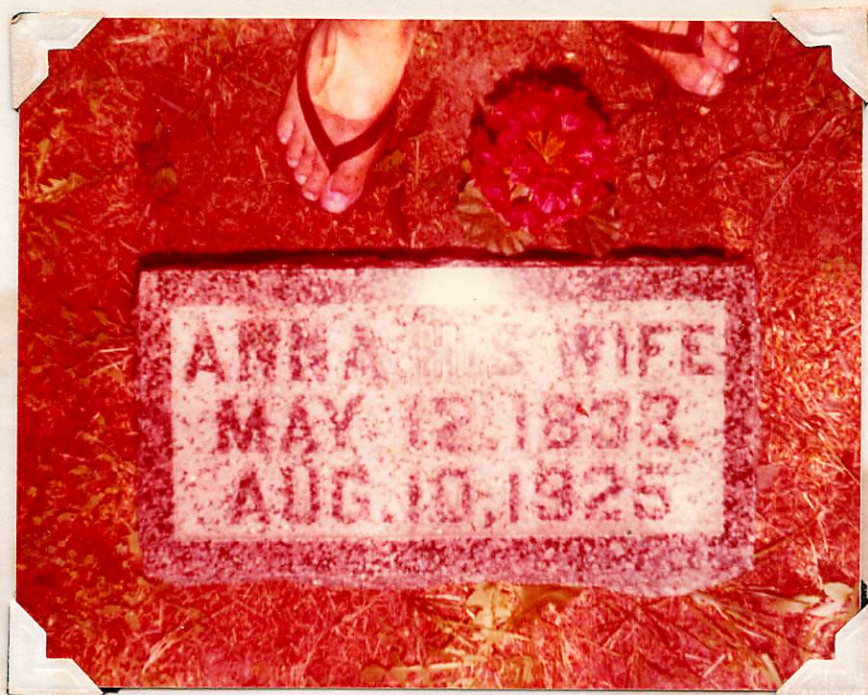
What test confirmed diagnosis? clinical course & findings
(Signed) M. Steers M. D.

*State the disease causing death, or in deaths from violent causes, state (1) means and nature of injury, and (2) whether accidental, suicidal, or homicidal. (See reverse side for additional space.)

19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL Grandview, Iowa DATE OF BURIAL 1/19/29

20 UNDERTAKER R. D. Laibault, Muscatine
ADDRESS Iowa





Mrs. Walter, 86, Services To Be Held on Sunday

Died Jan. 27-1955

Funeral services are planned at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Fairbanks Home for Funerals for Mrs. Ella A. Walter, 86, life resident of the Grandview community, who died at 8:20 p.m. Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Otto Grothe, 312 West Fifth street, following an extended illness. The Rev. M. L. Van Wagenen, pastor of the First Congregational church, will officiate. Burial will be at the Grandview cemetery.

Mrs. Walter was born April 29, 1868, at Grandview, the daughter of Peter and Emma Haas. She was married to John F. Walter on Feb. 17, 1890, and his death occurred in 1935. She was a member of the Grandview Community church.

Surviving are two sons, Earl H. Walter, Grandview, and Donald K. Walter, Burlington; three daughters, Mrs. Grothe, of Muscatine, Mrs. Carl Sylvester, Athens, O., and Miss Mildred Walter, a teacher in the Hayes school, Davenport; three sisters, Mrs. William Allen, Grandview, Mrs. Emma Kluckholm, Ames, and Mrs. Lula Lohse, Pasadena, Calif.; two brothers, George Haas, Grandview, and Edward Haas, Muscatine; 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two daughters, two brothers and two sisters.

F. W. Walter Of Grandview Is Called In Death

Wapello — Frederick W. Walter, lifelong resident of Louisa county, died at 1:05 a. m. today at the home of his nephew, Earl Walter, one mile east of Grandview.

He was born in the Grandview community on March 20, 1871, the son of George and Anna Blauer Walter. One brother, William, of Letts, and 11 nephews and nieces survive. A sister and three brothers preceded him in death.

The body is at the Dudgeon Funeral home here and a short prayer service will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday, at the funeral home, followed by services at 2:30 p. m. Sunday at the Grandview Community church. The Rev. Floyd McCague, pastor, will be in charge. Burial will be in the Grandview cemetery.

JOHN F. WALTER.

A prosperous agriculturist of Grand View township is John F. Walter, who owns one hundred and ninety acres of land upon which he engages in general farming and stock-raising. His birth occurred in the township where he is now residing on the 20th of September, 1863, being the eldest son of George and Anna (Blauer) Walter.

The father is a native of Germany and the mother of Switzerland, and they emigrated from their respective countries to the United States. They met and were subsequently married in Muscatine county, following which event they located on a farm. From that period until the death of his father Mr. Walter cultivated rented land. Being the only heir he inherited the homestead of his parents, containing fifty acres, upon which he resided until 1876. Disposing of his property at that time he bought two hundred acres of land east of Grand View, which he operated until his retirement in 1907. When he withdrew from active farming Mr. Walter owned three hundred and thirty-six acres of land, all of which was well improved and in a good state of cultivation. This he has recently divided among his four sons. Mr. and Mrs. Walter are now residing in Grand View, enjoying in their latter days the ease and comfort rewarded them for their hard work and self-denial during their youth. Besides our subject the other members of their family consisted of: George, who passed away on the 8th of December, 1910, at the age of forty-one; Martha, who was eight years of age at the time of her death; Fred, who is an agriculturist of Louisa county; William, who resides in Letts; Benjamin, who died at the age of two years; and one who died in infancy.

Practically the entire life of John F. Walter has been spent in the township where he is now residing, the district schools of which provided him with his education. After acquiring sufficient knowledge of the common branches to enable him to begin his life work, which he had already decided should be

~~farming, he devoted his entire attention to assisting his father with the work~~ of the homestead. At the age of twenty-six years, he began his independent career as an agriculturist by renting land which he cultivated for a year. At the expiration of that time he bought his present homestead, which contains ninety acres located on section 26. During the period of his occupancy he has wrought many improvements in this property, which he has brought to a high

state of cultivation. He is operating this in connection with the one hundred acres of the old homestead which was presented to him by his father.

Mr. Walter was married February 19, 1890, to Miss Ella Haas, who was born in this county on the 29th of April, 1868. Mrs. Walter's father, the late Peter Haas, was a native of Germany, from which country he emigrated to the United States with his parents when a youth of fifteen. Mrs. Haas, who prior to her marriage was Emma Judiesch, was born in Switzerland and when a child of five years she was brought to the United States by her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Haas were married in Muscatine county, and began their domestic life on a rented farm, in the cultivation of which he was engaged for several years. When they had acquired the necessary capital they bought land in Louisa county, and there the mother, who is now sixty-seven years of age, still resides, but Mr. Haas passed away in April, 1910, at the age of seventy-one years. Their family numbered ten children: Frank, who passed away at the age of twenty-six years; Elizabeth, the wife of George Haschar, now living on the old Haas homestead; John, who died when he was six years of age; Ella, now Mrs. Walter; Mary, who married William Allen, of Louisa county; George, who is a resident of Louisa county; Emma, the wife of Edwin Kluckhohn, of Garner, Iowa; Lulu, who became the wife of Herman Lohse, of California; Edward, who is unmarried and living in Grand View; and Esther, who died when she was eighteen years of age.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter have been born seven children: Earl, who was born on the 9th of February, 1892, and was graduated from Muscatine high school with the class of 1911; Ruth M., born on the 25th of September, 1894, at home; Lulu F., born on the 10th of February, 1897, and now attending high school; Mildred L., born on the 10th of October, 1901, and attending the district school; Elsa L., born on the 26th of July, 1903; and Donald K., whose birth occurred on the 13th of August, 1906. Their eldest child died in infancy.

In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Walter are Congregationalists, and fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being identified with the Grand View lodge. The political views of Mr. Walter coincide with those of the republican party, for whose candidates he always casts his ballot, but he has never had official aspirations. He has a wide acquaintance in Louisa county, and that he possesses the fine qualities and noble traits which win him lasting friends is attested by the fact that he continues to hold the regard of the comrades of his youth.



Walter Harriet
 second wife Catherine Harriet Moore

Mrs. William Walter Died Suddenly

Mrs. William Walter, of Letts, died suddenly from a heart attack at the home of her son, Lyle Moore, 1½ miles west of Columbus Junction, at 6:40 p. m. Saturday evening, November 2, 1957.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter left their home at Letts soon after five o'clock Saturday evening to drive to the Moore home. It was dark and misting rain and at the corner south of the Glen Cummings home the car slipped to the side and could not be brought back into the road.

Mrs. Walter got out of the car and as Mr. Walter is compelled to use a cane she volunteered to walk about ¾ mile to the home of her son and secure aid to get the car back into the road.

She made the trip readily, was welcomed into the home and after telling of the car, she suddenly became ill and collapsed and died in a few minutes.

The body was taken to the Stacy Funeral home.

Harriet Catherine Howell, daughter of John and Ida Basmann Howell was born at Davenport on May 8, 1894. She taught school and was married to Frank Moore, who died several years later. On February 19, 1946, she was married to William Walter. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and two daughters: Lyle and Burdette Moore, both of Columbus Junction; Margery Moore, a missionary in India, and Dorothy, wife of Rev. Paul Schwarze of Davis, Illinois; her mother, Mrs. Ida Howell, Columbus Junction and 11 grandchildren.

Seven brothers and two sisters also survive: Paul, Ralph and Donald Howell, all of Columbus Junction; Russell Howell, Flint, Michigan; Willis Howell, Swartz Creek, Michigan; Robert Howell, Crawfordville; Leon Howell and Mrs. Nellie Schabillon, both of Davenport, and Mrs. Jessie Hansen of San Bernardino, California.

A stepson and two stepdaughters also survive: Harold Walter, Davenport; Lois Walter, Lansing, Michigan and Mrs. Marvin Furnas of Letts.

Mrs. Walter was an active member of the Independent Bible church in this city and of the Letts Garden club.

Funeral services were held at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Independent Bible church and were conducted by the Rev. George V. Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bausch sang "Near To The Heart Of God" and "The Lord Is My Shepherd" accompanied by Mrs. Vernon Chatfield.

Flower attendants were Mrs. Elmer Smoke and Mrs. Robert Schmidt.

Casket bearers were Robert Schmidt, Glen Holliday, Gerald Howell, Donald Walter, Orlo Crooks, and Charles Pollock.

Burial was in the Columbus City cemetery.

In Memory Of HARRIET CATHERINE WALTER

Born: May 8, 1894

Died: November 2, 1957

Age

63 Years 5 Months 24 Days

Services

Independent Bible Church
Tuesday, November 5, 1957

2:00 p. m.

Clergyman

Rev. George V. Neal

Music

Mrs. Vernon Chatfield

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bausch

Flower Attendants

Mrs. Elmer Smoke

Mrs. Robert Schmidt

Casket Bearers

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Glen Holliday

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Donald Walter

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Charles Pollock

Final Resting Place

Columbus City Cemetery

Stacy Funeral Service



Summer
1977

C. Louise Root and Elsie Sylvestre
Louise is of the Christian Blauer
Family - Elsie is of the Anne & George
Walter Branch.

Father and Son Enter Cherry Pies in Contest



Undaunted by the fact that it was almost strictly a women's field day—two Muscatine members of the male sex—a father and a son—decided they would enter competition in Muscatine's first post-war Cherry Pie baking contest today.

They are Otto Grothe, employed as a drill press operator at the Carver Pump company, and his 11-year-old son, Paul, of 1035 Newell avenue. Mr. Grothe is shown displaying his entry.

While he'd been cooking since his bachelor days, pie baking was a new venture for Mr. Grothe and for his son until today. They followed the instructions and recipe offered by Mrs. Grothe in preparing the pies.

Entering the contest was the result of a dare, Mr. Grothe said.