

## He Was One Of The Pioneers

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(By a Staff Correspondent)

Newburg, Ia., Dec. 20, Special: Richard Samuel Walker, son of Jerome and Sarah Walker, was born in Ripley County, Indiana, April 2, 1852, and passed away at the Skiff hospital in Newton, December 16, 1932, at the age of 80 years, 8 months and 14 days.

In October, 1868, when he was sixteen years of age, Mr. Walker came to Jasper county, Iowa. He travelled in a covered wagon, a part of one of those westward-moving caravans that brought great numbers of worthy people, at the close of the Civil war from southern Indiana and Illinois to people the prairie sections of Iowa.

Here all the remainder of his life was spent except about six months at Rolla, Missouri, and four years at Clark, South Dakota.

On January 1, 1882 he was married to Miss Dorothy Churchill Baker of Dillsboro, Indiana, who passed away June 11, 1910. There were seven children born to them. They are Roy Earl Walker and Mrs. Gertrude H Cox of Newburg, Arthur Glen Walker, Mrs. Hazel M. Wheeler, and Mrs. Mildred F. Pearce of Grinnell, and Mrs. Irene D. Soth of Tama. There are two brothers living, Charles E. and Jackson J. Walker of Ottawa, Kansas, and one sister, Lizzie Walker of Newton. There are also twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Walker passed through and became a part of the life of those constructive years known as the pioneer period of Jasper county. He knew its hardships, its meagre returns for the hard work required, and shared in the homely activities of the neighboring farmers.

While his life was uneventful so far as outstanding achievements are concerned, still it was characterized by a patient, honest, faithful devotion to duty as he saw it, and he is entitled to the honor and esteem due to those early settlers who laid well the foundations of this great Commonwealth.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. W. B. Wilson, assisted by Rev. D. L. Cox were held at the Hickory Grove U. B. church at one o'clock Monday, and the body laid at rest in the Hickory Grove cemetery. Two duets were sung by Miss Margaret Newcomer and Miss Gertrude Albrecht. The pallbearers were Elda Cox, Ellis Wheeler, Gene Rice, Ellis Graham, and Denver and Wendell Walker.