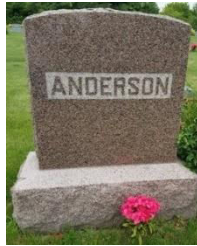


ANDERSON, JOHN

Birth

June 12, 1855 in Franklin Co.,
New York



Death

April 06, 1921 at home, Cumming,
Iowa

Standard Certificate of Death
Warren Co, Iowa
91-61990

John Anderson
Residence: One mile east of Cumming,
Warren Co., Iowa
Occupation: Farmer
Married
Date of birth: June 12, 1855 in New York
Date of death: April 6, 1921
Age: 65yr 9mo 24da
Place of death: Cumming, Linn Twp.,
Warren Co., Iowa
Cause of death: Uremic poison
following apoplectic stroke five years
previous, apoplexy
Father: Adam G. Anderson, born in Scotland
Mother: Mary McFarland, born in Canada
Informant: A. G. Anderson
Place of burial: Orillia, Iowa on April 9, 1921
Funeral Home: Dunn's, Des Moines, Iowa
Physician: A. L. Cochran, Cumming, Iowa



Cause of Death

Uremic poisoning and apoplexy

Cemetery Lot

Buried on Lot 108
Lot was purchased by Walter Anderson on August 26, 1920

Father

Adam Gordon Anderson

Mother

Mary Ann McFarlane

Marriage

John Anderson and Mary Florence Tate on December 23, 1891 at Adel, Dallas Co., IA

Return of marriage in Dallas County for the year ending October 1, 1892
25-311

John Anderson

Residence: Des Moines, Iowa

Occupation: Farmer

Age next birthday: 37

1st marriage

Place of birth: Franklin Co., New York

Father: A. G. Anderson

Mother: Mary McFarland

Married

December 23, 1891

Dexter, Iowa

Florence Tate

Residence: Dexter, Iowa

Age next birthday: 28

1st marriage

Place of birth: Iowa

Father: Benjamin Tate

Mother: Louisa Beeson

Witnesses: J. M. Tate and Mrs. J. M. Tager

Minister: Wm. Steoeuson, Pastor of M. E. Church

Census

1860 – Westville, Franklin Co., NY; page 543 & 544; Post Office, Westville, NY; July 9, 1860
Dwelling 784; Family 784

Anderson, Adam	39	farmer	Scotland
Ann	29		Canada
Alexander	11		Canada
Parlan	09		NY
Meary	07		NY
John	05		NY

Jane 02 NY

1870 – Carpenter Twp., Jasper Co., IN; page 520; Post Office, Remington, IN; June 9, 1870
Dwelling 41; Family 41

Anderson, Adam G.	52	laborer	Scotland
Ann	38		Canada East
Alexander	21		Canada East
Mary	18		NY
John	15		NY
Robert D.	08		NY
Catharine	06		NY
Margaret	04		IL
Adam G.	01		IL

1880 – Greenfield Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED228; Page 289C; July 9, 1880
Dwelling 216; Family 219

Anderson, Adam G.	60	farmer	Scot	Scot	Scot
Ann	50		Can	Scot	Scot
John	25	farm labor	NY	Scot	Can
Robert	18		NY	Scot	Can
Katie A.	16		NY	Scot	Can
Margaret	14		IL	Scot	Can
Adam G.	11		IL	Scot	Can
Angus S.	05		IN	Scot	Can

1885 – Lee Twp., Polk Co., IA; 1402 Walnut St., Des Moines, IA; Roll 73; Page 229
Dwelling 139; Family 150

Bailey, John	38	Contractor & Builder	Eng
Thirza	36		Eng
Bertha	12		Eng
Minnie L.	10		Eng
Brereton, Lizzie	25	House keeper	Eng
Anderson, John	25	laborer	Canada

Not sure if this is the right John as the age is off 5 years and he was born in Canada and it should show as New York. He was baptized in Huntingdon, Canada.

1895 – Lee Twp., Polk Co., IA; 1st District of 7th Ward; Des Moines, IA; Page 440; roll 90
Family 14

Anderson, John	39	farmer	NY
Florence M.	31		Guthrie Co., IA
Walter S.	02		Polk Co., IA

1900 – Lee Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED 100; Page 17; Des Moines Country Road; June 15, 1900
Dwelling 357; Family 357

Anderson, John	44	farmer	NY	Scot	Scot
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Mary F.	35		IA	VA	IN
Walter S.	07		IA	NY	IA
John	01		IA	NY	IA

1905 – Des Moines, Ward 7, Polk Co., IA; Post Office, Sevastopol
Card #66

Anderson, John	49	farmer	NY	Scot	Scot
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1910 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED212; Page 10A; April 30, 1910
Dwelling 132; Family 133

Anderson, John	54	farmer Married 18 years	NY	Scot	Can
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Mary F.	45		IA	VA	IN
Walter S.	17	farm labor at home	IA	NY	IA
John R.	11	farm labor at home	IA	NY	IA
Florence	03		IA	NY	IA

1915 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA;
Card #142

Anderson, John	59		NY	Scot	Scot
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1920 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED 218; Page 9A; line 40; roll 517; January 22, 1920
Dwelling 221; Family 223

Anderson, John	64	farmer	NY	Scot	Scot
Mary F.	55		IA	VA	IN
Walter S.	26		IA	NY	IA
John R.	21		IA	NY	IA
Ruth F.	13		IA	NY	IA

Dunn's Funeral Home Records

John Anderson, residence, Cumming, Iowa; born June 12, 1855 in New York; died April 6, 1921 at residence; age 65yr 9mo 24da; cause of death was uremic poisoning following apoplexy; father was Adam G. Anderson, born in Scotland; mother was Mary McFarland, born in Canada; wife was Mary Florence Tate.

History of WarrenCounty, Iowa – 1987; page 458

Adam Gordon Anderson was born in Scotland September 21, 1819. He was one of a family of eleven children. In Scotland the oldest son inherits everything so the rest are dependent on him for anything they have. The story goes that each brother was given enough to make a start on his own. Adam Gordon was given help twice and squandered it each time. In time he left Scotland and along with two brothers came to Canada to the city of Montreal. About the same time Mary Ann McFarlane came from Scotland to Canada and Montreal. Adam Gordon and Mary Ann met and were married March 17, 1848.

To this union five children were born. Alexander was born in Canada and then the family moved to New York State. John was born in Franklin County in upper New York. John was the fourth child and the third son, born June 12, 1855. When John was three years old, the fifth child a daughter arrived and the mother died.

On April 27, 1860 Adam Gordon married Ann Smith and six children were born of this union. About mid 1800 the family moved to Indiana where at least three of the children were born.

John had only three years of schooling and then helped with the farming. In 1875 the family came to Iowa and located southeast of Des Moines on the T. E. Brown Estate.

John worked in Des Moines on construction jobs and helped support the family.

In the late 1800's John's half sister Margaret married John Tate and they made their home near Dexter. Now and then John Anderson went to visit them and there he met Mary Florence Tate who was John Tate's sister.

A story told on John Anderson was that supposedly he was making a trip to Dexter to see his sister and family but as he was getting ready the remark slipped out that "like enough when he got there she wouldn't be there." Of course he was referring to Mary Florence. In those days courting some one that far away did present a problem.

Anyway John was successful and he and Mary Florence Tate were married December 23, 1891.

They rented some of the Brown estate also and lived there fourteen years. During that time two sons were born, Walter Scott on January 27, 1893 and John Ross on June 11, 1898.

In the fall of 1905 they bought eighty acres of land one mile east of Cumming and moved there in February of 1906. Florence was so very homesick for the farm they left and unhappy with her new home.

The farm was badly run down. The corn made only thirty bushel to the acre. They worked hard to build up the soil. Walter hauled horse manure from Cumming to spread there. At that time people had horses and buggies to do their traveling and were glad to get their stables cleaned.

On August 13, 1906 a daughter Florence Ruth was born and her brother John didn't think too much of her. He made a sign that said "Baby for Sale" and posted it beside the road. When his father saw what he had done the sign came down.

That fall when father and Walter were working in the field, father was stricken with a bad catch in his back and was unable to do much all winter. Walter said he never was the same again. Then it was called sciatic rheumatism. Much later it would have been called a pinched nerve.

That winter too, Florence became ill and was very bad for months with an abscessed lung. Life was hard for the whole family. A cousin of Florence's came one time to stay for a week to help which was probably a year later. When she went back to Dexter someone asked her who was taking care of the baby and she answered that she was taking care of herself.

Walter finished eighth grade at Cumming but got to go to school very little because he had to help so much at home. He not only did the chores but had to learn to cook and did a very good job of it. John finished eighth grade and studied some in the ninth and tenth grades. Cumming had the two extra years then, though it wasn't accredited.

Ruth had eight years at Cumming and then went to high school at Norwalk. At that time they still weren't consolidated.

Their father, John rented an extra 120 acres south of Orilla from Jacob Miller and in ten years' time had the home 80 acres paid for.

He bought a Model T Ford in the spring of 1915 and Florence was afraid to ride in it. John said if she wouldn't ride in it he would sell it. She decided to take her life in her hands and go for a ride. They went to see John's brother, Gordon. When they got to the corner John turned without shutting down the gas and they landed in the ditch. No harm was done as the ditch was shallow and he drove out.

Just a year later in July of 1916 John had a stroke and never walked again. His sons, Walter and John, took over the farming operation and the family responsibilities. Neither son ever married.

On April 9, 1921 John died at the age of 65 years. The funeral was held from the little Methodist Church just south of Orillia and he was buried in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery.

[This was written by Ruth Miller and there is a picture of John Anderson in the history book.]