

## ANDERSON, MARY FLORENCE

### Birth

May 20, 1864 at Dexter, Dallas Co.,  
Iowa



### Death

March 19, 1950 at her home,  
Cumming, Linn Twp.,  
Warren Co., Iowa



### Cause of Death

Probably cancer with arteriosclerosis

### Cemetery Lot

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

Mary Florence with her father Benjamin  
and brothers John and Jahu

### Maiden Name

Tate

### Father

Benjamin Franklin Tate

### Mother

Maria Louisa Beeson

### Marriage

Mary Florence Tate to John Anderson 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. Tage  
 Minister: Wm. Steoeuson, Pastor of M. E. Church

Census

1870 – Penn Twp., Guthrie Co., IA; Page 224; August 3, 1870; Post Office, Guthrie Centre, Iowa

Dwelling 33; Family 33

Tate, B. F.	43	farmer Real estate of 3200	VA
L. J.	32		IN
John	17		IN
Jahu	11		IA
M. F.	06		IA
Charles	03		IA
Elmer	01		IA

1880 – Penn Twp., Guthrie Co., IA; ED78; Page 119C; June 18, 1880

Dwelling 25; Family 27

Tate, Benjamin F.	53	farmer	VA	NC	VA
Louisa	40		IN	NC	TN
John	26	work on farm	IN	VA	IN
Jahu	21		IA	VA	IN
Mary F.	15		IA	VA	IN
Charlie	13	cripple	IA	VA	IN
Elmer	10		IA	VA	IN
Archy	09		IA	VA	IN
Frederick	04		IA	VA	IN

1885 –

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

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

1900 – Lee Twp., Polk Co., IA; Vol. 63; ED 100; Page 17; June 15, 1900  
County Road  
Dwelling 357; Family 357

Anderson, John	44	farmer - born June 1855 Married 9 years	NY	Scot	Scot
<b>Mary F.</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2 children; 2 living</b> <b>Born May 1865</b>	<b>IA</b>	<b>VA</b>	<b>IN</b>
Walter S.	07	Born January 1893	IA	NY	IA
John	01	Born June 1898	IA	NY	IA

1905 – Des Moines, Ward 7, Polk Co., IA; Post Office: Sevastopol  
Card #67

<b>Anderson, Mary F.</b>	<b>40</b>		<b>IA</b>	<b>VA</b>	<b>IN</b>
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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	Scot
<b>Mary F.</b>	<b>45</b>		<b>IA</b>	<b>VA</b>	<b>IN</b>
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; Post Office, Cumming, Iowa  
Card #143

<b>Anderson, Mary F.</b>	<b>50</b>		<b>IA</b>	<b>VA</b>	<b>IN</b>
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1920 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED 218; Page 9A; line 41; roll 517; January 22, 1920  
Dwelling 221; Family 223

Anderson, John	64	farmer	NY	Scot	Scot
<b>Mary F.</b>	<b>55</b>		<b>IA</b>	<b>VA</b>	<b>IN</b>
Walter S.	26	farm labor	IA	NY	IA
John R.	21	farm labor	IA	NY	IA
Ruth F.	13		IA	NY	IA

1925 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; Book 80

<b>Anderson, Mary</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>Widow</b>	<b>IA</b>	<b>VA</b>	<b>IN</b>
		Father, Ben Tate, born in Virginia			
		Mother: _____Beeson, born in Indiana			

Walter	32	Ben and wife were married in Indiana Single	IA	NY	IA
		Father, John Anderson, born in New York Mother, Mary F. Tate, born in Iowa, age 60			
John	26	John and Mary were married at Dexter, Iowa Single	IA	NY	IN
		Father, John Anderson, born in New York Mother, Mary F. Tate, born in Iowa, age 60			
Ruth	15	John and Mary were married at Dexter, Iowa Single	IA	NY	IN
		Father, John Anderson, born in New York Mother, Mary F. Tate, born in Iowa, age 60 John and Mary were married at Dexter, Iowa			

1930 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED 91-18; Page 6A; April 19, 1930  
Dwelling 120; Family 120

Anderson, Walter S.	37	farmer	IA	NY	IA
John R.	32	farmer – laborer	IA	NY	IA
Mary F.	65	mother – Wd	IA	VA	IN

1940 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED91-19; Page 3B; April 8, 9, 1940  
Family 70

Anderson, Walter S.	47	Farmer	IA		
		Value of home, \$700 Own home; same house in 1935			
John R.	41	Farmer – brother	IA		
Neubauer, Marie	23	Housekeeper, private home	IA		

My grandmother, Mary F. Anderson has been missed on this census as she lived at this residence with her sons Walter and John. She would have been 75. That is why they had a housekeeper to help with her care.

Deaths at Clerk's Office, Indianola, Warren Co., IA; Book 5; page 191

Anderson, Mary Florence, born May 20, 1864 in IA; died March 19, 1950 at home in Warren Co., IA; cause of death was arteriosclerosis; father was Benjamin Franklin Tate; mother was Maria Louisa Beeson; Physician was George W. Waters; Funeral Home was Galloway.

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B. F. Galloway Burial Records

Mary Florence Anderson, residence, Cumming, Iowa; born May 20, 1864, at Dexter, Iowa; died March 19, 1950 at residence; age 85yr 9mo 29da; father was Benjamin Tate, born in Virginia; mother was Louisa Beeson, born in Indiana; husband was John Anderson.

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Obituary

[The Record-Herald and Indianola Tribune, March 23, 1950, page 5.]

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Florence Anderson, who died at her home near Cumming early Sunday, were held at the Galloway Funeral Home Tuesday afternoon in charge of the Rev. R. C. Priebe of Cumming. Burial was in the Orillia cemetery. Two sons, Walter and John and a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Miller, survive.

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History of WarrenCountyIowa – 1987; page 459

Benjamin F. Tate was born in Henrico Co., VA on September 14, 1826. He came to Licking Co., OH with his parents when he was about seven years old. They stayed there for two years and then moved to Delaware Co., IN>

Maria Louisa Beeson was the daughter of Dr. Silas H. Beeson and Charity S. Beeson and was born in Franklin, Wayne Co., IN on September 5, 1834.

Benjamin F. Tate and Maria Louisa Beeson were married March 21, 1852.

Four children were born of this union, John Milton on April 26, 1853, Silas B. on April 9, 1856 and died at the age of two. He was buried beside the trail as they came west. The family settled near Dexter, IA in 1857 as did a good many other Hoosiers. Jahu Beeson Tate was born May 6, 1858 at Dexter. Their daughter Mary Florence arrived May 20, 1864 also at Dexter. Their mother died September 27, 1865 at the age of thirty two.

On September 13, 1866 their father married Louisa Mendenhall. They had five more boys, Arthur K., who died in infancy and Charley L., who died at the age of twenty six. The three who lived to manhood were Elmer C., Archie O., and Frederick H. Mary Florence (better known as Florence) stayed with her father and stepmother until she was able to make her own way. She worked for an aunt for a number of years for \$1.50 a week. During that time she bought and paid for a New Home sewing machine.

She became acquainted and was engaged to a man by the name of John Cox. He worked at bridge construction. Their wedding date was set for January 8, 1889. Just a week to the day before they were to be married he fell to his death from the bridge he was working on.

Florence's brother, John Tate had met and married Margaret Anderson. When Margaret's brother John came to visit he met Florence and they were married December 23, 1891.

Their home then was southeast of Des Moines where they lived for fourteen years. Two sons were born there, Walter Scott on January 27, 1893 and John Ross on June 11, 1898. In the fall of 1905 they bought a farm one mile east of Cumming in Linn Twp.

In February of 1906 they moved to their new home. Florence was so very homesick for the home she had just left. The new house was just five rooms that were small and had no closets. There was no place to put anything. Where they had lived before she had wonderfully clear spring water but it had to be hauled up a big hill in a barrel. Here she also had good clear well water just outside the door.

On August 13, 1906 their daughter Florence Ruth was born. She always went by her middle name of Ruth. John was eight when she was born and Walter was 13 ½.

Florence became sick that winter and was unable to work for nearly three years. She had an abscessed lung and not much could be done for it at that time. It seemed doubtful that she would live. She used to tell a story about her son John helping. In trying to mop the floor he lifted out all the water possible on the mop and made a run across the floor and hit the baseboard

and the water flew. He was also put to churning cream with a dash churn and when the butter was slow in coming he churned with tears running down his cheeks.

She lived to raise her children and to keep up with her share of the work. During threshing time she cooked for as many as thirty men.

She took care of her husband John for almost six years while he was an invalid and was able to do the work and keep house for her two sons until she was about seventy.

After that they had housekeepers to clean the house, do the cooking and watch over Florence. She lived to see her only living grandchild, Ruth (known as Dolly) reach the age of nineteen. When Dolly was born she said she thought she was awful nice but she didn't say anything because she thought people might make fun of her for being so proud.

She lived to be eighty five and died March 19, 1950. She was buried at PleasantRidgeCemetery beside her husband John.

(This was written by Ruth Miller and there is a picture of Florence Anderson.)