

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Stone William Milo Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Marion County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 14 Oct 1827 Jefferson County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place

Caroline Mathews 19 May 1857 Knappville, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the bar at Lawrence, Mo in 1851; appointed  
assistant administrator of the general land office in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

B. Civic responsibilities G. A. R.; Mason

C. Profession Lawyer; 6<sup>th</sup> Governor of Iowa; newspaper editor;  
chairman; minor of silver in Colorado; horse team driver on an Ohio line.

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1878

6. Public Offices

A. Local District court judge

B. State Governor of Iowa 1864-1868

C. National Delegate to the National Republican Convention that nominated  
Abraham Lincoln

7. Death 18 Jul 1893 Oklahoma City, OK; Buried Graceland Cemetery, Knappville

8. Children William A.

9. Names of parents Iruman S. and Lavinia (North) Stone

10. Education He attended school for one year in Ohio

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

12. Other applicable information

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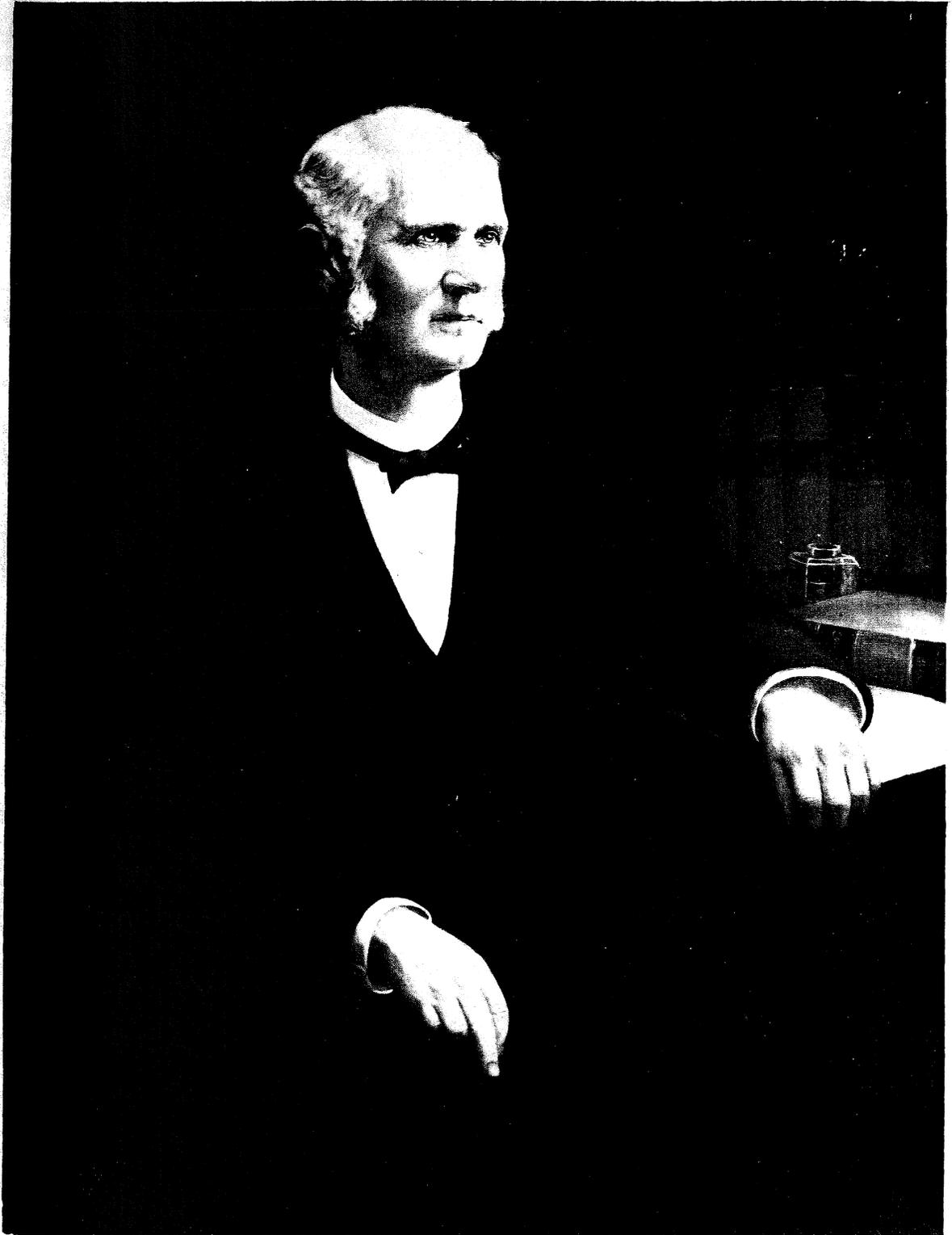
- At age one he moved with his parents to Lewis County, New York and at 6 they moved to Coshocton County, Ohio. For 2 seasons he was a driver on the Ohio Canal and worked for a while on a farm.
- Later he became an apprentice of the chair making trade with Mr. Dewey. While working he also read law.
- After being admitted to the bar he entered partnership with James Mathews at Coshocton, Ohio.
- In 1854 he moved to Knoxville, Iowa and on 1 Oct 1855 he established the Knoxville Journal newspaper and became the editor.
- Military service - Civil War - raised a company, chosen its Captain - 3<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Infantry, later became Colonel of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment
- 17 June 1863 nominated for Iowa governor and elected
- He was at Gard's Theater when Abraham Lincoln was shot and was with him when he died. He was also an escort of the body on the train to Springfield, Illinois.
- In 1879-1880 he became interested in silver mining and gave up law in Iowa. He became a law associate of Judge T. J. Anderson in Pueblo, Colorado.





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W<sup>m</sup> M. STONE.



William Milo Stone  
Sixth governor of Iowa, 1864-1868  
From a portrait in oil by Frederick Morse  
in the Historical, Memorial and Art-Department of Iowa, Des Moines.

## DEATH OF GOV. STONE

The Distinguished Iowan Passed Away Tuesday at Oklahoma City.

Imposing Funeral Ceremonies Held at Knoxville Friday of Last Week.

Last Tuesday's EXPRESS contained a paragraph stating that ex-Gov. Stone, residing at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, had gone to Geuda Springs, Kansas, for his health.

Later in the day our citizens were shocked by the receipt of a telegram saying that the governor had passed away at an early hour that morning. Gov. Stone had for several years been afflicted with a disease which some doctors called diabetes and which others pronounced Bright's disease or consumption of the kidneys. Almost ever since his removal to Washington, D. C., four years ago, his diet has been regulated by his physicians with a view to warding off the fatal malady as long as possible.

The governor had long cherished the idea that he would like to live upon a farm. Like Washington, he regarded farming as the true and proper occupation of man; and at the summit of his political and professional success he was wont to express a desire for a rural life.

During the Harrison administration Gov. Stone was assistant commissioner of the general land office, and was in fact the acting commissioner most of the time. Last fall he was appointed commissioner, which office he held until his successor was appointed by Mr. Cleveland. Relieved of the cares of office, and doubtless feeling that his years were already numbered and himself at the mercy of an incurable disease, he made haste to carry out his cherished idea. He purchased a beautiful farm near and in plain view of the city of Oklahoma, and at once began the erection of a comfortable residence.

a short rest before the obsequies. The carriage started at a fast trot, when a bystander noticed that the burr had fallen from one of the front wheels. Fortunately the vehicle was stopped before the wheel came off. Had it passed unnoticed a wreck would inevitably have resulted.

### Biographical.

Wm. M. Stone was born in the state of New York, Oct. 14, 1827. When he was a year old his parents located in Lewis county, New York, and about five years afterward removed to Coshocton county, Ohio.

Like most self made men, Gov. Stone had few advantages in his youth. He never attended a school of any kind more than twelve months. In boyhood he was for two seasons a team driver on the Ohio canal. At seventeen he was apprenticed to the chair-maker's trade and he followed that business until he was twenty-three years of age, reading law meantime during his spare hours wherever he happened to be. He commenced at Coshocton, with James Mathews, who afterwards became his father-in-law; continued to read with General Lucius V. Pierce, of Akron, and finished with Ezra B. Taylor of Ravenna. He was admitted to the bar in August, 1851, by Peter Hitchcock and Rufus P. Ranney, supreme judges, holding a term of court at Ravenna.

After practicing three years at Coshocton with his old preceptor, James Mathews, he, in November, 1854, settled in Knoxville, which until recently remained his home. The year after locating here, Mr. Stone purchased the Knoxville *Journal*, and was one of the prime movers in forming the republican party in Iowa, being the first editor to suggest a state convention, which met February 23, 1856, and completed the organization. In the autumn of the same year he was a presidential elector on the republican ticket.

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A few weeks ago he sent to Knoxville  
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him, but the disease from which he  
suffered had gained too firm a hold.  
The books were not unpacked. The  
governor realized that he would never  
need them again, and that he must  
make an effort to prolong his life. He  
went to the springs a short distance  
from Oklahoma City, and while there  
his son arrived, having been apprised  
of his father's critical condition. The  
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several days before his death the gov-  
ernor returned to his home. Having in  
the meantime contracted a severe cold,  
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mediate cause of his death, which oc-  
curred at an early hour Tuesday morn-  
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#### The Funeral.

Funeral services were held at the late  
residence of the deceased on Wednes-  
day, which were attended by a large  
number to whom the governor was  
known by reputation.

The remains arrived at Knoxville on  
Friday just after noon, and were met  
at the C. R. I. & P. by an immense  
throng of people. John C. Ferguson  
Post G. A. R. was present in a body  
and at once took charge of the remains,  
which they escorted to the courtyard,  
where arrangements had already been  
made to hold the obsequies of Knox-  
ville's distinguished son. It was ap-  
parent that no building in the city  
could contain half the number that  
would assemble.

The funeral was under the auspices  
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stricken down at Fort Sumter. At  
that time, April, 1861, he was holding  
court in Fairfield, Jefferson county,  
and when the news came of the insult  
to the old flag he immediately ad-  
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he believed to be more important  
duties—duties to his country.

In May he enlisted as a private; was  
made captain of Company B, Third  
Iowa infantry, and was subsequently  
promoted to major. With that regi-  
ment he was at the battle of Blue Hill,  
Mo., in September, 1861, where he was  
wounded. At Shiloh, the following  
spring, he commanded the regiment  
and was taken prisoner. By order of  
Jefferson Davis he was paroled for the  
time of forty days with orders to re-  
pair to Washington, and if possible se-  
cure an agreement for a cartel for a  
general exchange of prisoners, and to  
return as a prisoner if he did not suc-  
ceed. Failing to secure that result  
within the period specified, he returned  
to Richmond and had his parole ex-  
tended fifteen days; repairing again to  
Washington, he effected his purpose  
and was exchanged.

In August, 1862, he was appointed by  
Gov. Kirkwood colonel of the 22nd  
Iowa Infantry, which rendezvoused  
and organized at Camp Pope, Iowa  
City, the same month. The regiment  
was occupied for several months in  
guarding supply stores and the rail-  
roads, and escorting supply trains to  
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until Jan. 27th, 1863, when he received  
orders to join the army under Gen.  
Davidson at West Plains, Mo. After a  
march of five days it reached its desti-  
nation, and was brigaded with the 21st  
and 23rd Iowa regiments, Col. Stone  
commanding, and was designated the  
first brigade, first division, Army of  
Southeast Missouri. April 1 found  
Col. Stone at Milliken's Bend, La., to  
assist Grant in the capture of Vicks-  
burg. He was now in immediate com-  
mand of his regiment, which formed a  
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Rev. J. W. Hackley opened the ex-  
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which was sung by a selected choir.

Rev. J. C. Scott read a passage of  
scripture begining, "Man that is born  
of woman is of few days and full of  
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Rev. Hackley offered prayer.

In accordance with the governor's  
dying request, the address was delivered  
by Rev. Frank W. Evans, of Des  
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Of the family of the deceased there  
were present the widow, Mrs. W. M.  
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of Washington, D. C.; the brothers of  
deceased, Melvin Stone and wife of  
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and were successful. The brigade was  
in the reserve at Champion Hills, and  
in active skirmish at Black River.

On the evening of May 21, Col. Stone  
received Gen. Grant's orders for a gen-  
eral assault on the enemy's lines at 10  
a. m. on the 22nd. In this charge,  
which was unsuccessful, Col. Stone  
was again wounded, receiving a gun  
shot in the left fore-arm. He com-  
manded a brigade until the last of  
August, when he resigned.

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Among those present from abroad were Judge C. C. Cole and son and I. M. Earle, of Des Moines; Col. C. H. Mackey, of Sigourney; Hon. T. B. Perry and N. A. Kendall, of Albia.

What might have been a shocking tragedy was narrowly averted just after the arrival of the funeral train. Mrs. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stone and Mrs. C. H. Robinson had entered a landau to go to the Robinson home for

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Biographical.

Wm. M. Stone was born in the state of New York, Oct. 14, 1827. When he was a year old his parents located in Lewis county, New York, and about five years afterward removed to Coshocton county, Ohio.

Like most self-made men, Gov. Stone had few advantages in his youth. He never attended a school of any kind more than twelve months. In boyhood he was for two seasons a team-driyer on the Ohio canal. At seventeen he was apprenticed to the chair-maker's trade and he followed that business until he was twenty-three years of age, reading law meantime during his spare hours wherever he happened to be. He commenced at Coshocton, with James Mathews, who afterwards became his father-in-law; continued to read with General Lucius V. Pierce, of Akron, and finished with Ezra B. Taylor of Ravenna. He was admitted to the bar in August, 1851, by Peter Hitchcock and Rufus P. Ranney, supreme judges, holding a term of court at Ravenna.

After practicing three years at Coshocton with his old preceptor, James Mathews, he, in November, 1854, settled in Knoxville, which until recently remained his home. The year after locating here, Mr. Stone purchased the *Knoxville Journal*, and was one of the prime movers in forming the republican party in Iowa, being the first editor to suggest a state convention, which met February 23, 1856, and completed the organization. In the autumn of the same year he was a presidential elector on the republican ticket.

In April, 1857, Mr. Stone was chosen judge of the eleventh judicial district, when the new constitution went into operation in 1858, and was serving on that time, April, 1861, he was holding

law office when his disease assumed a critical form and he was carried away.

The governor's last visit to his old home in Knoxville was in 1891, during the races. He impressed his friends at that time as a man greatly broken by physical ailments, and his mind was not the clear and vigorous one which a quarter of a century before led his party in Iowa. The disease from which he suffered had already set its mark upon him.

A Beautiful Poem.

The following poem appeared in the *Des Moines Register* of Saturday morning, in the account of Gov. Stone's funeral. Aside from its timely and appropriate nature, the poem is a beautiful one and well worthy of publication:

IOWA'S WAR GOVERNOR, WM. M. STONE.  
Died Oklahoma, July 18—Buried Knoxville, July 21.

Stop the reaper in the harvest,  
And the traffic in the street.  
To-day above a coffin lid  
The part and present meet.  
Half mast the morning banner  
Droops above the gilded dome  
From the newest land of sunset  
Our old war-chief is home.

Around him are his brethren  
Of the early bench and bar.  
Around him are his comrades  
In council and in war.  
Around him are the people  
His words were wont to thrill  
But the clarion voice is silent  
And the generous heart is still.

Others may tell above him  
How he held the early court,  
When the land lay hushed in silence  
Waiting news from Sumpter's fort.  
How the north rose up to battle  
At the earliest rebel gun,  
And that chilled hand penned the record  
"That adjourned till war is done."

In those fiery days of struggle  
In those awful days of fate,  
The story of yon sleeper  
Is the story of the state.  
Out of freedom's fields of battle,  
Wearing honor's badge of red  
In the strong arm maimed and wounded,  
He was chosen as its head.

A born leader—brave, magnetic—  
Standing up erect and tall,  
Half a head above his brethren—  
Towering like a second Saul.  
Bold in battle, keen in council,  
Eloquent with tongue and pen,  
Unto few has nature given  
Such a master over men.

When in fields of human harvest  
Thrashed the battle's awful flail,  
And the future of the nation  
Trembled in the mighty scale.  
Then when Lincoln called to council—  
All his leaders tried and true,  
The bold words from those silent lips  
Like a bugle summons flew.

It is finished. The old banner  
That he fought for many a day  
In the field and in the council,  
Wraps at last his quiet clay.  
With gray hair and eyesight dim  
To the sound of solemn music  
For the last time follow him.

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In April, 1857, Mr. Stone was chosen judge of the eleventh judicial district, when the new constitution went into operation in 1858, and was serving on the bench when the American flag was stricken down at Fort Sumter. At that time, April, 1861, he was holding court in Fairfield, Jefferson county, and when the news came of the insult to the old flag he immediately adjourned court and prepared for what he believed to be more important duties—duties to his country.

In May he enlisted as a private; was made captain of Company B, Third Iowa infantry, and was subsequently promoted to major. With that regiment he was at the battle of Blue Hill, Mo., in September, 1861, where he was wounded. At Shiloh, the following spring, he commanded the regiment and was taken prisoner. By order of Jefferson Davis he was paroled for the time of forty days with orders to repair to Washington, and if possible secure an agreement for a cartel for a general exchange of prisoners, and to return as a prisoner if he did not succeed. Failing to secure that result within the period specified, he returned to Richmond and had his parole extended fifteen days; repairing again to Washington, he effected his purpose and was exchanged.

In August, 1862, he was appointed by Gov. Kirkwood colonel of the 22nd Iowa Infantry, which rendezvoused and organized at Camp Pope, Iowa City, the same month. The regiment was occupied for several months in guarding supply stores and the railroads, and escorting supply trains to the army of the southwest Missouri until Jan. 27th, 1863, when he received orders to join the army under Gen. Davidson at West Plains, Mo. After a march of five days it reached its destination, and was brigaded with the 21st and 23rd Iowa regiments, Col. Stone commanding, and was designated the first brigade, first division, Army of Southeast Missouri. April 1 found Col. Stone at Milliken's Bend, La., to assist Grant in the capture of Vicksburg. He was now in immediate command of his regiment, which formed a part of a brigade under Col. C. L. Harris of the Eleventh Wisconsin. In the

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And the "boys" he led to battle,  
With gray hair and eyesight dim  
To the sound of solemn music  
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It is well to do him honor—  
He whose only god is gold  
Should be laid in shame and silence  
Underneath the shrinking mold—  
But the patriot and soldier  
Should like this be laid to rest,  
With the weeping people round him  
And the banner on his breast.

Hail and farewell! Brave nature,  
Thy stormy life is done.  
Thou knowest the solemn mysteries  
Beyond the shining sun.  
Around thee stand with tearful eyes  
The people of thy state;  
May their warm blessings wake the smile  
Before the jasper gate.

#### The Governor's Proclamation.

DES MOINES, July 20.—Governor Horace Boies yesterday issued a proclamation officially announcing the death of ex-Governor Stone. The flags, by the governor's order, were raised at half mast upon the state house yesterday. They hung listlessly upon their staffs as though they felt the occasion for which they were displayed.

The proclamation is as follows:

STATE OF IOWA,  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

By the Governor—A Proclamation:  
I regret to announce to the people of Iowa the death of their former governor, William M. Stone, who died at his home in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on the eighteenth instant, and whose remains will be interred with appropriate funeral ceremonies, at his old home in Knoxville, Iowa, on the twenty-first of this month.

Governor Stone was first elected to the office of chief magistrate of Iowa in the fall of 1863 and held the same from '64 to '68, both inclusive, discharging its various duties to the credit of himself and the honor of his state.

As an appropriate mark of respect to his memory it is recommended that all flags on public buildings of this state be displayed at half mast until after the funeral; and on the day thereof, to-wit: The twenty-first of July, 1893, this office will be closed.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the state of Iowa. Dated at Des Moines this the nineteenth day of July, 1893.

[Signed.] HORACE BOIES.

#### In Memoriam.

At a special session of the Grand Lodge No. 61 A. F. and A. M. the following was adopted as expressive of the

Erb, of Coon Rapids, was recruited in that place to James. The bride is well known here friends wish her and her young band all the bliss that marriage affords.

Messrs. George and Charles will start next week for the south. They go with tears and will spend a short time in Kansas with the benevolent Mrs. Logan's help later in the season it is probable will enter in the race for doing the Cherokee strip is thrown settlement in September.

#### Hamilton.

HAMILTON, July 23.—F. Thornton held services at Friends' church last evening the first time since the church was closed.

The M. E. aid society met this afternoon with Mrs. A. L. M. elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, M. Munsell; vice president, Mrs. M. M. Munsell; secretary, Mrs. G. A. Munsell; treasurer, Mrs. O. S. McCoy.

Many of the young people attended the literary entertainment and ice cream social given by the Templars of Lovilia.

Berry Owens and wife are over the little daughter who has to stay at their home near to Wili Ross is at home.

Ben. Stilwell returned last evening after a three months' stay in St. Louis where he followed carpentering.

Rev. Jackson and wife, who attended prayer meeting here last day evening.

Miss Cordia Cowan was at home yesterday and attended the social at Lovilia.

The postoffice will be four days next four years at the station. Reddish, he being our present letter.

Mrs. M. E. Newcomb held a prayer evening for Mt. Hope, Kan. there by the serious illness of her mother.

All-day holiness meeting will be held next Sunday.

#### Rousseau.

ROUSSEAU, July 22.—The oats harvest is over in this place and their hay.

Misses Jesse Hamilton

first brigade, first division, Army of Southeast Missouri. April 1 found Col. Stone at Milliken's Bend, La., to assist Grant in the capture of Vicksburg. He was now in immediate command of his regiment, which formed a part of a brigade under Col. C. L. Harris of the Eleventh Wisconsin. In the advance upon Port Gibson, Col. Harris was taken sick, and Col. Stone was again in charge of a brigade. In the battle of Port Gibson the colonel and his command distinguished themselves, and were successful. The brigade was in the reserve at Champion Hills, and in active skirmish at Black River.

On the evening of May 21, Col. Stone received Gen. Grant's orders for a general assault on the enemy's lines at 10 a. m. on the 22nd. In this charge, which was unsuccessful, Col. Stone was again wounded, receiving a gun shot in the left fore-arm. He commanded a brigade until the last of August, when he resigned.

He was nominated for governor of the state of Iowa in the republican convention held at Des Moines in June, 1863, and was elected by a very large majority. He was re-elected in 1865, his first year in office closing Jan. 16, 1868.

After retiring from the executive chair he was for many years in private life, being engaged in the practice of law in Knoxville where he had a partnership for some time with Hon. O. B. Ayres.

In 1875 he removed to Marshalltown where he was a member of the firm of Brown, Stone & Sears. After an absence of two years he again returned to Knoxville and resumed his partnership with his brother-in-law, O. B. Ayres, C. H. Robinson being afterward a member of the firm. The same year he was elected as representative from Marion county in the general assembly, and served one term.

In 1880 he engaged in silver mining speculations in the west and for about three years took no active part in the practice of law. A portion of this time he resided in Boston.

In 1883 he returned to the law, forming a partnership with T. J. Anderson in Pueblo, Colorado. Returning to Des Moines in 1885 the firm of Stone, Ayres & Gamble was formed, Gov. Stone managing the Des Moines office and Messrs. O. B. Ayres and Jas. D. Gamble the Knoxville office. Mr.

unto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the state of Iowa. Dated at Des Moines this the nineteenth day of July, 1893.

[Signed.] HORACE BOIES.

**In Memoriam.**

At a special meeting of Oriental lodge No. 61 A. F. and A. M. the following was adopted as expressive of the sentiment and feelings of the lodge:

HALL OF ORIENTAL LODGE, No. 61, A. F. AND A. M., July 21, 1893.—We have been called together at this hour in special communication to extend Masonic funeral rites to our beloved brother, Wm. M. Stone. With pure hearts and clean hands should we approach these offices. This rite seems more sacred to us, and the lessons of admonition afforded more poignant, because the death of Bro. Stone marks a peculiar epoch in the history of our lodge. Of the number who joined in the effort to organize this lodge he was the leading spirit. His brain, his vigorous manhood, the liberality with which he extended financial aid, his love of the order, and his fidelity to the interests of the brethren with whom he was then associated contributed more than all other forces to the organization of our lodge on an enduring basis, and the up-building of Masonry in Knoxville.

It is but right and proper, therefore, that Masons everywhere, but more especially members of Oriental lodge, should hold his name in highest remembrance, and seek to imitate the many Masonic virtues which adorned his character; for

"His words are bonds, his oaths are oracles;  
His tears pure messengers sent from his heart;  
His heart as far from fraud as heaven from earth."

This lodge extends to the widow and family of our deceased brother our deepest sympathy in this their hour of affliction, and commends them to the grace and favor of that God who holds in his hands the destinies of all nations and peoples. We hereby renew to them our Masonic pledge that we will at all times stand ready to render any assistance of whatsoever character that tends to their happiness and comfort.

The tyler is instructed to drape our hall in mourning for 90 days from date of Bro. Stone's demise.

The secretary is hereby ordered to make complete record of this paper, and have the same published in the city papers, and a type-written copy under seal of this lodge sent to the wife of the deceased.

C. B. BOYDSTON, }  
G. K. HART, } Com.  
J. L. McCORMACK, }

**Attention, Farmers!**

I respectfully call your attention to the celebrated Empire Harvesting Machinery and will be able to supply your wants

All-day holiness meeting will be held next Sunday.

**Rousseau.**

ROUSSEAU, July 22.—The wheat and oats harvest is over in this neighborhood and the farmers are busy with their hay.

Misses Jesse Hamilton and Stella Stevenson were visiting with Lillie and Flora Jarman last Sunday.

The wedding bells rang in this vicinity last Wednesday. John Benson and Miss Mary Bible were the happy couple.

Mrs. Margaret Crozier and Mrs. J. D. Jarman visited with Mrs. L. Garrison, west of Knoxville, last week.

Edwin Crozier is building a fine barn on his farm near Rousseau.

Rev. Bryant preaches his farewell sermon at Mt. Vernon church Sunday July 23, at 3 o'clock.

Miss Lillie Jarman is visiting her sister, Mrs. Talbott, near Mitchellville.

Wm. Staley, of Des Moines, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Fry, near Rousseau. MERRY MAY.

**Harvey.**

HARVEY, July 22.—Mrs. Henry Morgan is on the sick list.

Jacob Bayless was at Knoxville Friday.

Mrs. Lora Thompson is on the sick list.

Children's day will be observed at the Harvey Baptist church, Sunday July 30.

Mrs. James Bayless, of Knoxville visited Mrs. Andrew Bayless last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams, of Pella, visited here Sunday.

Mrs. Andrew Bayless has gone to Memphis, Mo., to visit her parents. She will be absent about two weeks.

Mrs. Emma Redding visited Durhan relatives this week. SUNFLOWER.

**Attica.**

ATTICA, July 23.—Farmers are busy harvesting.

News was received late last week that we would have a new postmaster soon.

Hugh Weir, of Victory, was a caller in town Sunday.

There will be an ice cream supper at the M. P. church yard next Saturday evening. Everybody is invited to come. Miss Elliott, of Knoxville, was a guest of Miss Sadie van Winkle last week.

DEATH OF EX-GOVERNOR STONE.

Iowa's Great Governor Laid to Rest at His Old Home.

William Bilo Stone, the sixth governor of Iowa, passed away in peace at his home at Oklahoma, O. T. on the morning of Tuesday, July 18, 1893, aged 65 years, 9 months and 4 days, and though he had been afflicted with diabetes for some time, the immediate cause of his death was pneumonia, brought on by taking a severe cold.

Governor Stone was born in Jefferson county, New York, October 14, 1827, and when about one year of age went with his parents to Lewis county, the same state, and when about six years of age to Coshocton county, Ohio. Here he attended school about one year, for two seasons was a driver on the Ohio canal and worked awhile on a farm. Afterward he was apprenticed to the chair-makers trade with a Mr. Dewey, who is now in business at Omaha. A set of chairs made by Mr. Stone are now owned and are in use by his mother-in-law, Mrs. James Mathews, of this city. While working at his trade he read law and was admitted to the bar at Ravenna, Ohio, in 1851, and soon after entered into partnership in the law business with James Mathews, at Coshocton, Ohio. In 1854 he came to Knoxville, Iowa, and October 1, 1855 established the Knoxville JOURNAL, and became its editor, and throughout his eventful life he took a deep interest in the success and welfare of the paper and from that day to this, through all its changes of management, it has ever been his steadfast friend, and in its files no name appears more often than his, and its columns have assisted in fighting many of his political battles, and now, in sorrow, records the end of the brilliant career of this remarkable man, whose life work is so intimately interwoven with the history of the state of Iowa and with the country at large. In its columns, he was the first to suggest the call for a convention to organize the Republican party in Iowa, and he was selected as one of

now of Des Moines; also with Hon. H. G. Curtis, formerly of Pella, now of Atlantic, which firm was for years known as one of the leading law firms of the state. He was for a brief time a resident of Marshalltown and a member of the law firm of Brown, Stone & Sears, but soon returned to Knoxville and resumed his partnership with Mr. Ayres, Mr. C. H. Robinson, another brother-in-law, also being a member of the firm.

In 1879 and 1880 he became interested in the silver mining business, after having severed his connection with the old law firm. He was also associated in the law business with Judge T. J. Anderson, at Pueblo, Col., after which he returned to Iowa and was again associated with O. B. Ayres until Mr. Ayres was elected judge, when he became associated with Hon. J. D. Gamble, of this city, in the law business, with whom he remained until he went to Washington to assume the duties of assistant land commissioner. At the close of his term as land commissioner he went to Oklahoma City and there opened an office and commenced to build him a home when death overtook him.

Of his high social qualities, genial disposition and the firm hold which he had upon the affections of the people with whom he associated throughout his eventful life it is unnecessary for us to speak, as they were so well known by the people of Marion county, the state of Iowa and the country at large, that the best effort of our pen could but feebly portray them.

The announcement of his death was a shock to the people of Iowa, who had known him so well, and the particulars were inquired for everywhere. Gov. Bots at once issued his proclamation directing that the flags upon the state buildings should be placed at half mast and the state offices closed on the day of the funeral. The remains were brought here to his old home for interment and arrived on Friday, July 21, at 1 o'clock, and in view of the fact that no building in the city would accommodate the people and staff of the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, the funeral exercises were held in the park which had been erected

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### The State Capital

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man, whose life work is so intimately interwoven with the history of the state of Iowa and with the country at large. In its columns, he was the first to suggest the call for a convention to organize the Republican party in Iowa, and he was selected as one of the delegates to the convention which met at Iowa City, February 22, 1856, and by that convention was chosen as one of the presidential electors on the Republican ticket. The same year Mr. Stone made a canvass of the state and won his first fame as a campaign speaker, in which field he had few equals.

He was afterwards chosen judge of the eleventh district under the constitution of 1846, being the first and only judge of that district, which consisted of the counties of Dallas, Jasper, Madison, Mahaska, Marion, Polk, Poweshiek and Warren. In 1858 he was chosen judge of the sixth judicial district; and in 1861, while holding court in that district, he adjourned court and entered upon his docket, at Fairfield: "This court is adjourned until after the war." He returned to Knoxville, raised a company, was chosen its captain, took it into the Third Iowa Infantry, and became the major of the regiment, and at the battle of Blue Mills was slightly wounded in the head. He was captured on the first day at the battle of Shiloh and was for some time a prisoner at Richmond, and while there, he was given a parole by President Davis and the secretary of war of the confederate states, for sixty days for the purpose of going to Washington, if possible, to arrange for an exchange of prisoners, and should he fall he was to return to Richmond and surrender himself, and temporarily falling in his mission, he did return, surrendered himself, but was given the freedom of the city while a prisoner and was afterward exchanged. Shortly after Major Stone was released, Governor Kirkwood appointed him colonel of the new Twenty-second regiment. He was wounded in the arm May 22, 1863 in one of the battles before Vicksburg while gallantly leading a charge upon the works.

On the 17th of June 1863 he was nominated for governor on the ninth ballot, the most protracted contest in a Republican convention prior to 1881. He was elected, defeating the late

home for interment and arrived on Friday, July 21, at 1 o'clock, and in view of the fact that no building in the city would accommodate the people who wished to attend the services, the funeral exercises were held in the park, which had been specially prepared for the occasion, the court house and stand being beautifully decorated; many flags were displayed at half mast and trimmed in mourning. John C. Ferguson Post, G. A. R., among whose members were many who had served with him in the army, met the remains at the depot and escorted them to the park and guarded the casket until the close of the exercises at the park. At least 2,500 of his old friends and neighbors assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to the departed, the G. A. R. Post, the Masonic order and members of the bar attending in a body, among them being many from other places. Rev. F. W. Evans, of Des Moines, assisted by Rev. J. W. Hackley and J. C. Scott, of this city, conducted the religious exercises, Rev. Evans delivering one of the finest sermons it has been our pleasure to ever listen to. The singing by the male choir was fine, one of the pieces rendered being "The Sweet Bye and Bye," a favorite of the deceased, the audience joining in the singing of it. The floral decorations were very fine, several elegant pieces being on the casket and on tables surrounding it. The casket was enveloped in a flag and the veterans stacked arms in front of it, while a faithful sentinel was at the head and foot. After the close of the exercises at the park the Masons took charge of the remains, conducted them to Grace-land cemetery and there deposited them in the grave by the side of his parents and in the lot selected by himself. Past Grand Master Jas. D. Gamble performed the beautiful Masonic burial ceremony in a very satisfactory and impressive manner, at the close of which Rev. Evans pronounced the benediction, thus closing one of the most beautifully conducted and largest attended funeral ceremonies ever witnessed in our city.

Gov. Stone leaves to mourn their loss, his wife and only son, W. A., five brothers and one sister, all of whom have the most sincere sympathy for all in their great sorrow.

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On the 17th of June 1863 he was  
nominated for governor on the ninth  
ballot, the most protracted contest in  
a Republican convention prior to 1881.  
He was elected, defeating the late  
Gov. Tuttle, then the Democratic candi-  
dato. Two years later, Gov. Stone  
defeated Thomas H. Benton, a coaliti-  
on candidate. Gov. Stone was also  
a delegate to the convention that re-  
nominated Abraham Lincoln.  
Gov. Stone made strenuous efforts  
to fill the quotas of troops Iowa was  
called upon to supply, and was active  
in both inception and prosecution of  
the movement for raising several regi-  
ments of hundred-day men.

At the time of the assassination of  
President Lincoln, in April 1865, Gov.  
Stone was in Washington looking af-  
ter the interests and comfort of Iowa  
troops in the field, and was at Ford's  
theatre when Lincoln was shot, was  
with him until he died and was one of  
the escort that brought his remains  
to Springfield, Illinois.

In 1878 he represented Marion  
county in the house of representatives  
and displayed marked ability as the  
leader of that body. In 1888 he was  
again nominated and elected presi-  
dential elector, having for an oppon-  
ent, singularly enough, the same man  
who had been the democratic candi-  
date against him thirty-two years be-  
fore, James Grant, of Davenport. In  
1889 he was appointed assistant com-  
missioner of the general land office,  
and last year was made commissioner,  
retiring from office shortly after the  
accession of President Cleveland last  
March.

The above is but a brief sketch of  
Gov. Stone's military and political  
career, and is but an outline of what  
he accomplished in a public capacity.  
He was equally successful and bril-  
liant in private and professional life.  
After coming to Knoxville he was for  
some years associated with his father-  
in-law, James Mathews, in the law  
business, and at once assumed a lead-  
ing position at the bar, and main-  
tained that position while he remained  
in active practice, most of the time re-  
taining his residence at Knoxville.  
In 1857 he became associated with his

loss, his wife and only son, W. A.,  
five brothers and one sister, all  
of whom have the most sincere sym-  
pathy of all in their great sorrow.

IN MEMORIAM.

At a special meeting of Oriental  
Lodge No. 61, A. F. and A. M., the  
following was adopted as expressive  
of the sentiment and feeling of the  
Lodge:

HALL OF ORIENTAL LODGE,  
No. 61, A. F. and A. M.,  
July 21, 1893.

We have been called together at  
this hour in special communication to  
extend Masonic funeral rites to our  
beloved brother, Wm. M. Stone.  
With pure hearts and clean hands  
should we approach these offices.  
This rite seems more sacred to us, and  
the lessons of admonition afforded  
poignant, because the death of Bro.  
Stone marks a peculiar epoch in the  
history of our Lodge. Of the number  
who joined in the effort to organize  
this Lodge, he was the leading spirit.  
His brain, his vigorous manhood, the  
liberality with which he extended  
financial aid, his love of the Order and  
his fidelity to the interests of the  
brethren with whom he was then asso-  
ciated contributed more than all other  
forces to the organization of our  
Lodge on an enduring basis and the  
upbuilding of Masonry in Knoxville.  
It is but right and proper, there-  
fore, that Masons everywhere, but  
more especially members of Oriental  
Lodge, should hold his name in high-  
est remembrance, and seek to imitate  
the many Masonic virtues which  
adorned his character; for,

"His words are bonds, his oaths are oracles;  
His tears pure messengers sent from the heart;  
His heart as far from fraud as heaven from earth."

This Lodge extends to the widow  
and family of our deceased brother  
our deepest sympathy in this their  
hour of sad afflictions, and commend  
them to the grace and favor of that  
God who holds in his hand the des-  
tines of all nations and peoples. We  
hereby renew to them our Masonic  
pledge that we at all times stand  
ready to render any assistance of  
whosoever character that tends to  
their happiness and comfort.

The Tyler is instructed to drape our  
hall in mourning for ninety days from  
date of Bro. Stone's demise.

The Sec'y. is hereby ordered to  
make complete record of this paper,  
and have the same published in the  
city papers, and a type written copy  
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# Recollections and Sketches of Notable Lawyers and Public Men of Early Iowa

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Belonging to the First and Second  
Generations, with Anecdotes and  
Incidents Illustrative of the Times

By

EDWARD H. STILES

For many years a member of the Iowa Bar; member of its House of Representatives, 1863-1864; member of its Senate, 1865-1866; Reporter of its Supreme Court, 1867-1875; author of Complete Digest of its Decisions from the earliest Territorial period to the 56th Iowa Reports.

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"In old age alone we are masters of a treasure of which we cannot be deprived, the only treasure we can call our own. The pleasures of memory and the retrospect of the varied images which in an active life have floated before the mind, compensate, and more than compensate, for the alternate pleasures and cares of active life."—SIR ARCHIBALD ALLISON.

"Personal anecdotes, when characteristic, greatly enliven the pages of a biography."—SAMUEL SMILES.

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I have briefly referred to his force as a public speaker. I may add that he was not only one of the most popular, but effective ones. He was neither imaginative, brilliant nor sentimental, but what he lacked in these respects he made up in strength and illustrativeness of argument. He was as plain in speech as in manner. He employed no tropes of oratory, but told virile anecdotes and made apt illustrations that were far more convincing. The "common people," as Mr. Lincoln called them, liked to hear him, and he drew them in crowds to his meetings. What Justin McCarthy has said of Sir William Harcourt might be fittingly applied to Governor Kirkwood:\*

He had a good voice, and never gave his hearer the trouble of having to strain their ears or their attention to follow him. His arguments were never subtle enough to puzzle the simplest country gentleman for one moment. His quotations had no distracting novelty about them, but fell on the ear with a familiar and friendly sound. His jokes were unmistakable in their meaning; his whole style was good strong black and white.

*William M. Stone.*

William M. Stone, the sixth Governor of the State, succeeded Governor Kirkwood. I have spoken of Governor Kirkwood as the great War Governor of the State, but to some extent, honors should be divided between him and Governor Stone, for when the latter took his seat in January, 1864, the war was far from being closed, and Governor Stone ably took up and carried on the work that pertained to the field, along the same lines that his predecessor had, and in conjunction with the same splendidly equipped Adjutant-General Nathaniel B. Baker.

Governor Stone was a man of remarkable talents. With but few aids he had fought his way up from obscurity and poverty to a position of distinction. He was very tall, his presence commanding and his confidence in himself supreme. His education had not been a liberal one, but he could both speak and write with elegance. Upon the hustings he was one of the most effective political orators that the State has ever had. In his personal and familiar bearings he was sometimes thought by the critical as lacking in that sense of dignity properly incident to one occupying his position, and that sometimes he was not only a little "rude of speech," but a little unseemly. This may be accounted for by the fact that he was unconventional in manners, highly social in disposition, talked with everybody regardless of rank, that he was a wonderful story teller, and some of his stories, like some of those of Mr. Lincoln would hardly bear telling in the drawing-room.

On the platform, addressing a vast political audience, his bearing became lofty, his attitudes graceful, his utterances, propelled by a powerful voice and well measured in good English, stirring and effective. On the rostrum or in the forum, he

\* History of Our Own Time, Vol. 4, p. 336.

talked in much the same style as he wrote; and what that style was is happily shown in the following quotations from his inaugural address to the Tenth General Assembly:

For nearly three years this deplorable war, inaugurated by the mad treason and ambition of Southern men, has progressed with its varied results. Though disaster has sometimes overtaken our advancing columns, the triumphs which have crowned their heroic efforts, in the glorious cause of the country, have far outweighed all the reverses they have sustained. We have penetrated the insurgent country from almost every point, by land and sea, and rescued from their grasp the most productive and populous States of the South. Today the ancient flag waves again from the battered walls of Sumpter. The rebel armies, defeated and demoralized, are being rapidly driven to a common center; their currency worthless and their credit gone; their pretended jurisdiction reduced to nearly one-third of its original limits, and a surplus population crowded within them to subsist upon their meager harvests; impending death or exile to the leaders, ruined fortunes and desolated homes to the unwilling masses—this is the end of treason and the doom of traitors. There is no longer middle ground where loyal men can stand and find refuge from the stern and positive obligations of the hour. The times are fraught with mighty events, involving the welfare of the present and future generations and impose the most solemn duties upon every patriot in the land. It is not the mere dominion of a political party, nor territory, nor empire, but liberty, and the eternal principles of natural justice, born of God and under him established on this continent by our fathers, which are staked upon the issues of the struggle. It needs no words of mine to show that the vigorous and successful prosecution of this war is life to the Republic, in which to hesitate for a single hour, upon any pretext whatever, or stop short of the unconditional recognition of the federal authority by all the revolted States would be but a hollow truce and death to our nationality.

Great and holy interests are involved in the contest. There is no longer any hope of their preservation by the ordinary modes of adjustment. They are, therefore, to be saved or lost by the arbitrament of battle. In the terrible ordeal through which we are passing, many old conditions are likely to be rejected and some things which have been, may not be again, but the patriotic heart may find reasons for its faith, that all such as are good and substantial will be retained and consecrated in the new life of the Nation. Let us hope that enemies in the disguise of friends will never occupy the high places of power; that the people's treasury will not again be robbed by official hands; their arms, their arsenals and fortifications turned against their own government; that the blighting curse of human slavery will no longer receive protection by the statutes of the land, nor exist in any form under the national flag, and that traitors may never again sit in the council chambers of the Nation, nor plot their treason beneath the dome of its Capitol. Let us pray to a righteous God that such scenes may never again stain the coming annals of the Republic, and if need be that the havoc of bloody, desolating war may abate not until the day of regeneration shall come.

Again, in speaking of the emancipation proclamation and the events which led up to and justified it:

The period at length arrived when, to insure success to our arms and make the overthrow of the Rebellion a speedy and certain event, an effectual blow at this formidable element of rebel power was imperatively demanded. Our authority over the subject was broad and ample and the necessity for the step no longer doubtful. Why hesitate to terminate the War and save the Union by losing slavery? It became obvious that amid the throes of this mighty revolution, one or the other must go down. The Union and slavery cannot both be saved from the wreck, for the same power which rescues the one must inevitably crush the other. Which is the more valuable for preservation? After all its manifold crimes against liberty and humanity, against God and his holy laws, what claim has slavery upon this Government for protection and perpetuity? To this reckoning had the Nation come on the 1st day of January, 1863.

I thank Almighty God that at this momentous juncture we had a man at the helm of this Government who fully realized the situation and possessed the sublime courage to perform his duty and place the seal of condemnation irrevocably and forever upon this convicted criminal of mankind. The deed is done; the righteous judgment has been pronounced, and from his honest heart the author tells us "it cannot be retracted." No earthly power can send back to slavery 3,000,000 of freedmen, for between them and such power stand more than 20,000,000 of other men to defend the broad seal which that proclamation bears. In its diminished and attenuated form, slavery still lingers, but it is robed in the habiliments of the grave, waiting only for the rights of sepulcher. The victim of a morbid and treasonable ambition, slavery has been murdered in the house of its friends. Upon them, not us, the responsibility of its death must ever rest. The Union as it was, the people of the North were willing to maintain and abide by, but as the South has determined otherwise, it is our duty to insist upon the Union as it should be, and as our fathers intended it.

What was thought of it at the time was shown by the following resolution passed by the house, introduced by Hon. W. J. Moir, of Hardin County:

Resolved by the House of Representatives. That in the inaugural address of Governor William M. Stone, delivered to the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, on the 14th day of January, 1864, we recognize an able, an eloquent, patriotic and statesman-like document, second to none ever presented to a state legislature.

I can say that this resolution was enthusiastically and unanimously passed, for I was a member of that assembly and heard the inaugural address as it fell from the lips of the Governor. The war did not end, however, as soon as anticipated, for the surrender at Appomattox was not until the following April.

At the age of twenty-nine Mr. Stone had become so potential as to secure the nomination and election for District Judge. While he was holding a term of his court in Washington County, the news came of the firing on Fort Sumter. He immediately adjourned his court, declaring that his country had a higher call upon him as a soldier in her defense. He at once organized a company for the Third Infantry and entered the struggle. He was subsequently promoted to Major of the regiment.

At the bloody battle of Blue Mills Landing, where our forces were pitted against more than four times their number, and led with a courage that was sublime by Lieut.-Col. John Scott, afterwards the Colonel of the Thirty-Second Iowa and Lieutenant-Governor, Major Stone was wounded and at that of Shiloh was taken prisoner and confined for a while in a Confederate prison. On his exchange he engaged in raising the Twenty-Second Regiment and became its Colonel. He distinguished himself for gallantry in several battles, and in the attack on Vicksburg was again severely wounded. Coming home, seemingly to await the healing of his shattered arm, he arrived there as the Republican State Convention of 1863 was about to meet. He attended the convention, and the night before the ballot was taken, made a speech of thrilling eloquence.

There had been but two gubernatorial candidates in the field—Fitz Henry Warren and Elijah Sells. It was generally conceded that Warren would receive the nomination overwhelmingly and that he ought to so receive it by reason of his eminent ability and services. It was thought that the office of the convention, in

naming Warren as its candidate, would be little more than perfunctory, but when it was learned that Stone's name had been brought forward, the matter assumed a different look, and when the hero himself walked down the aisle of the convention with his wounded arm in a sling he was greeted with uproarious applause. The feeling became infectious and his nomination was made in a whirlwind. He was then the most rapidly rising man in the state.

At the end of his first term of Governor, he was renominated and again elected. At the close of his administration he returned to the practice of his profession; but his brain had become so filled with political thoughts and aspirations as to seriously interfere with his professional success. He sought the nomination for Congress in his district and had aspirations for the United States Senate, but his rapid advancement and control had made enemies whose opposition conspired with other causes in the accomplishment of his defeat. He removed to Colorado. He commenced the practice of his profession in Pueblo and engaged in some important mining projects there. In the end this failed, and he returned to Iowa, considerably broken in health and spirits by his ill fortune. During the administration of President Harrison he was appointed Assistant Commissioner of the General Land Office, and later was appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate as Chief Commissioner of the General Land Office and served to the end of the administration.

I saw him in Washington about this time. He had been seriously ill, but had so far recovered as to resume the duties of his office. He seemed cheerful and confident that his recovery was permanent, but I could plainly see that the hand of death was upon him. He did not survive long after the close of the administration. He removed to Oklahoma, where he died in July, 1893.

Why it was that this star that had so brilliantly burst upon the political heavens so soon waned to its setting, various reasons have been ascribed, among them, that in his triumphs he had failed to properly remember his friends. From my long acquaintance and observation I do not think this judgment is justified, though I have lived long enough to know that politics is like the fabled river Lethe, and apt to wash away friendly remembrances. I think the principal causes of his failure to realize his congressional and senatorial aspirations after he ceased to be Governor, were, first, an unfortunate incident that occurred during his administration. It was a diversion of a portion of the swamp land Indemnity Fund awarded by the Government to the State under act of Congress of March 2, 1855. Warrants for the amounts due the different counties were forwarded by the Treasury Department at Washington to the Governor of Iowa, enclosed in envelopes and directed to him through the mail at different times during the first part of the year 1855. These warrants came into the hands of the Private Secretary of the Governor. This Private Secretary, in whom the Governor had implicit confidence, without the knowledge or authority of the Governor endorsed the Governor's name on these warrants as they came into

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his hands, turning a large part of them or their proceeds over to the State Treasurer, and a part into certain Des Moines banks, which cashed them on the strength of the endorsement. It soon became known that certain counties had not received the portion of the Indemnity Fund to which they were entitled and a rumor was circulated that there had been some malfeasance in the Governor's office in connection with that fund. This coming to the ears of the Governor, he at once requested an investigation at the hands of the Eleventh General Assembly which convened at Des Moines in December, 1866. Responding to this request of the Governor the following joint resolution was passed:

Resolved. In accordance with the recommendation of the Governor of the State, that a Committee of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to investigate the alleged diversion of the Swamp Land Indemnity Funds, and that said Committee have power to send for persons and papers.

Thereupon a joint committee was appointed, consisting of Edward H. Stiles, B. B. Richards and Nathan Udell on the part of the Senate, and William Hale, W. T. Barker, John Russell, W. C. Martin and Leander Clark on the part of the House. The joint committee immediately entered upon the work of investigation, and commenced taking testimony on the 16th of January, 1866, which was continued with little intermission until March 17. As Chairman of the Senate Committee, the present writer was by courtesy made Chairman of the Joint Committee, examined most of the witnesses on the part of the State and wrote the Report, which with all the evidence that had been taken was delivered to the Senate and House in a pamphlet containing 244 printed pages, and which will be found among the State papers pertaining to the Eleventh General Assembly. When it was designated that I should write the report the members of the Committee were in complete accord as to the main facts and conclusions, but for reasons, perhaps satisfactory to themselves, the members belonging to the political minority, after I had prepared a unanimous report, concluded to dissent and subsequently filed a minority report. On the main conclusion, however, there was no difference of opinion on the part of the committee, and that conclusion was, that there was a deficit in the Indemnity Fund of \$33,994.83, and that this deficit had been caused by the unauthorized endorsement of Treasury warrants, the proceeds of which the Secretary had failed to fully account for. The testimony clearly showed that the acts of the Secretary had been wholly unauthorized and unknown to the Governor. Governor Stone was a man of honor and integrity. His only fault in the matter was in placing too much faith in his Private Secretary, and his failure to exercise that scrutiny necessary to one in high official position. Notwithstanding his complete exoneration, as the result of the investigation and the deliberate approval of the committee's report by both the Senate and House, the affair raised a political hue and cry against him, which had the effect of impeding his further political ascension for the time.

In the second place, he lacked that proud patience which the gods are said to love, the willingness to further bide his time, which in the end would have fully retrieved his disappointments, instead of removing in somewhat of chagrin from the State; and finally, his broken health, the heritage of his army experience, which resulted in his death.

The principal events of his life may be briefly summarized: He was born in Jefferson County, New York, in 1827. When he was an infant the family removed to Lewis County in that State, and six years later to Coshocton County, Ohio. It is said that he never attended a school of any kind more than twelve months.\* In his boyhood he was a team driver for two seasons on the Ohio Canal. At seventeen he was apprenticed to learn the chairmaker's trade, which he followed for several years, studying law in the meantime. He was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1851, and practiced three years in Coshocton in company with his preceptor, Hon. James Matthews, who became his father-in-law. In 1854 he came West, settled in Knoxville, purchased the Knoxville Journal and took editorial charge of it. He was one of the prime movers in the organization of the Republican party, and it is said that he was the first editor to suggest the State Convention, which met at Iowa City in February, 1856.\*\* He was chosen one of the presidential electors on the ticket headed by John C. Fremont for President, and stumped his district in a strikingly effective manner. In April, 1857, he was elected Judge of the Eleventh Judicial District. When the new constitution went into effect he was, in 1858, elected Judge of the Sixth Judicial District, and was on the bench when he left it for the army as hereinbefore stated. He proceeded to enlist a company and was made Captain of Company "B," Third Iowa Infantry, and was subsequently promoted to Major of the Regiment. It was in this capacity that he was engaged and wounded at the Battle of Blue Mills Landing, before mentioned. In the Battle of Shiloh he commanded the regiment and was taken prisoner. Being paroled and afterwards exchanged as a prisoner in August, 1862, he was appointed by Governor Kirkwood, Colonel of the 22nd Iowa, and participated in the battles of Ft. Gibson, Champion Hill, Black River and in the charge on Vicksburg, where he was again severely wounded, receiving a gunshot in his left arm, when he came home to recuperate and was nominated for Governor as hereinbefore stated. For a full account of his military career the reader is referred to Stuart's Iowa Colonels and Regiments, page seven. He was breveted Brigadier-General on account of gallant services.

*John H. Gear.*

As John H. Gear was the last of those who might be properly termed "early Governors," with whom I was much acquainted, I shall close the present chapter with this sketch.

\* Stuart's Iowa Colonels and Regiments, page 7.

\*\* History of Marion County, 1881, page 613.

# IOWA'S WAR GOVERNOR.

## WILLIAM M. STONE.

Born in Jefferson County, New York, October 14, 1827.

Removed to Knoxville, Iowa, in 1854.

Commissioned May 21, 1861, Captain B. Co. 3d Iowa Infantry.

Mustered into the United States service June 10, 1861.

Promoted Major, July 6, 1861.

Wounded in Battle at Blue Mills, Mo., Sep. 17, 1861.

Captured in Battle at Shiloh, April 6, 1862.

Promoted (1st) Colonel. 22d Iowa Infantry, August 1, 1862.

In command of the District of Rolla, Mo., Dec. 1862; and of the 2d Brigade, 14th Division, 13th Corps, in the Battle at Port Gibson, Miss., May 1. 63.

Wounded in Left arm, in the

Charge on Vicksburg, May 22, 1863.

In command of 2d Brig, 14th Div, 13th Corps., July 18,

Nominated by the Republican Party, for Governor of Iowa 1863.

Resigned August 13, 1863.

Elected Governor, October 13, 1863.

Inaugurated January 14, 1864.

Brevet Brigadier-General U.S. Vols. March 13, 1865.

Re-elected Governor, October 1865.

Inaugurated January 11, 1866.

1889 appointed by President Benjamin Harrison, Assistant  
Commissioner of the General Land Office, confirmed by the Senate Dec.  
10, 1889.

Department of Iowa  
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Stone, William Milo

War

Residence Knoxville, Iowa

Battles, etc. Blue Mills, S. 1861, Vicksburg

Occupation Attorney-at-law

Nearest relatives

Date birth Oct 14, 1827 Place N.Y.

Father

Nativity

Date death J1 18, 1898 place Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Cause Graceland Cem. place burial Knoxville, Ia. Mother

Nativity

War record

Capt. B. 3 Iowa Inf. & (F. & S)

wife Caroline Mathews

Col. 22 Iowa Inf.  
Rank Company Regiment State Organization

Children

William A.

Age 33. Residence Knoxville.

Enlisted

Appointed Major Je. 26, 1861. from

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1861, Blue Mills, Mo. Taken prisoner  
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Department of Iowa  
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Stone, William M

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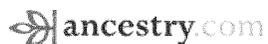
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commissioned Brevet Brigadier General in  
1865.

Biog Memoirs of Iowa page 94. Guthrie Co. history  
1884 p. 291/ Iowa City Citizen J1 21, 1893 p. 4  
After locating in Knoxville he purchased the Knox-  
ville Journal and was first editor to suggest a  
State Convention which met on the 22d Feb 1856.  
He served in Libby Prison. Under Pres. Harrison was

Suspended

Died first asst land commissioner and afterward commis-  
sioner of land. He was elected to the Iowa State Journal by 118888



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State:	<b>IA</b>

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**Born:** 14 Oct 1827  
Jefferson, New York, USA  
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA  
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**Caroline Mathews**  
**Born:** 19 Jul 1833 in Coshocton, Coshocton, Ohio, USA  
**Died:** 7 Jan 1910 in Caldwell, Canyon, Idaho, USA

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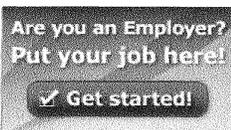
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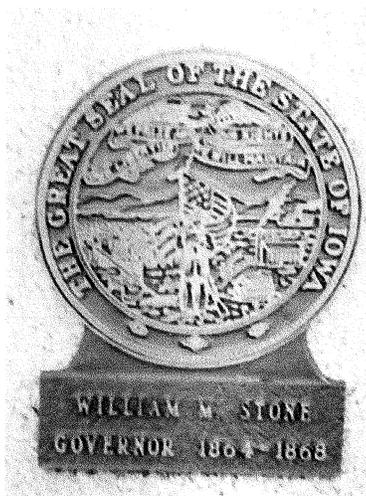
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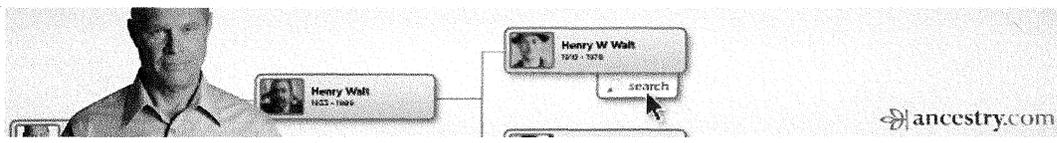
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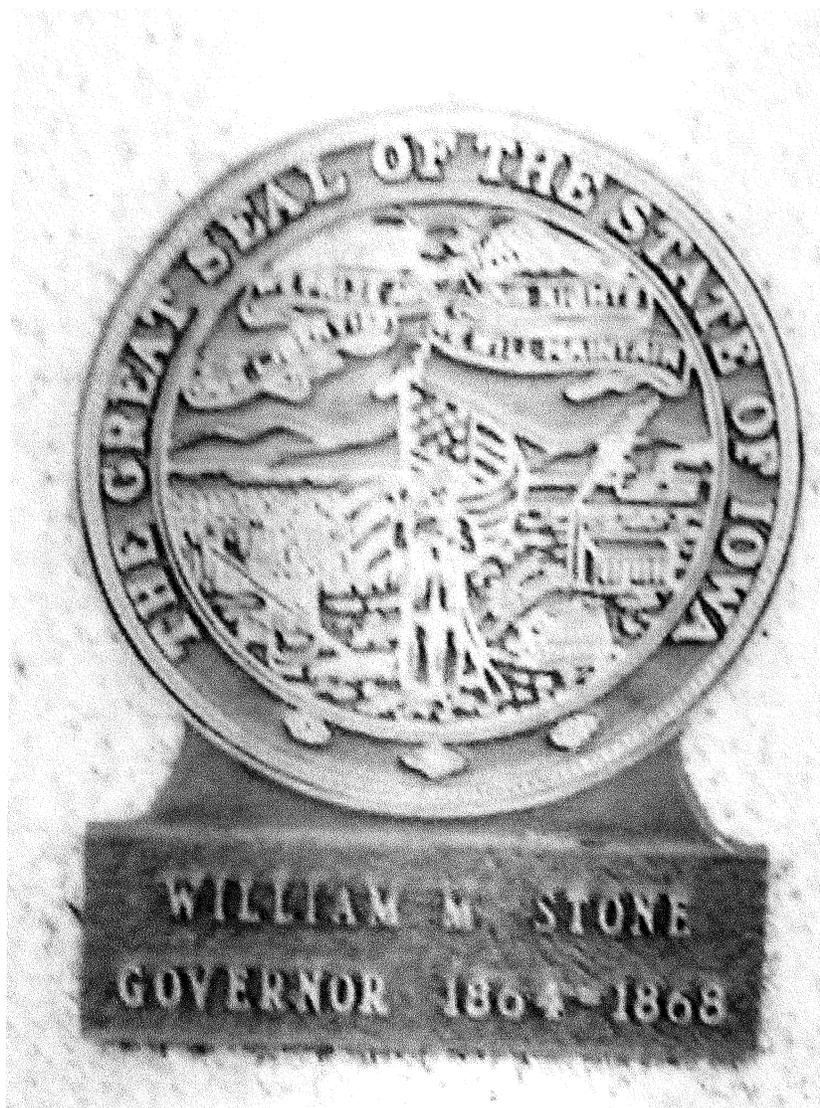
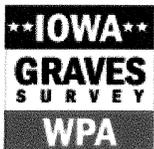


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**Cemetery:** GRACELAND  
**Location:** KNOXVILLE  
**County:** MARION CO. - IOWA  
**Record Notes:** G.A.R. MARKER , WIFE CAROLINE

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