

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Sturgis, Pinewas J. Senator _____

Represented Jayette County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1830 Jayette County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place

Rachel Irvine 31 Jan 1856

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He and his son Henry Clay founded the Citizens Bank of Adeline, Iowa

B. Civic responsibilities Member

C. Profession Merchant; banker; farmer; livestock dealer

4. Church membership Baptist

5. Sessions served 10th General Assembly 1864

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State Trustee of College for the Blind, Winton, Iowa for 4 years

C. National Delegate to the Republican Convention in 1860 at Chicago electing James A. Garfield

7. Death 8 Feb 1903 West Union, Iowa; buried West Union Cemetery, West Union, Iowa

8. Children Henry Clay; Lewis L.; a daughter and another son died in infancy

9. Names of parents Ernest and Diana (Jones) Sturgis

10. Education Educated in schools of his native state

11. Degrees Attended Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania,
but did not finish

12. Other applicable information Very Whig, later Republican

- after leaving college, he worked as a dry goods store clerk in Uniontown, Pennsylvania.
- In 1851, he came to Iowa locating at West Union where he again clerked in a dry goods store owned by Woodhull and Brunson.
- The following year he formed a partnership with Daniel Cook until Daniel's death in 1854.
- In 1857 he moved to Clear Lake, Iowa, establishing dry goods stores there and in Mason City, Iowa.
- When the Civil War started he returned in 1861 to West Union and went back into his dry goods business until 1872 when he sold out and purchased a farm near by.
- In 1878 he made extensive purchases of land in Kansas and making good profits he laid out the town of Beloit, Kansas.

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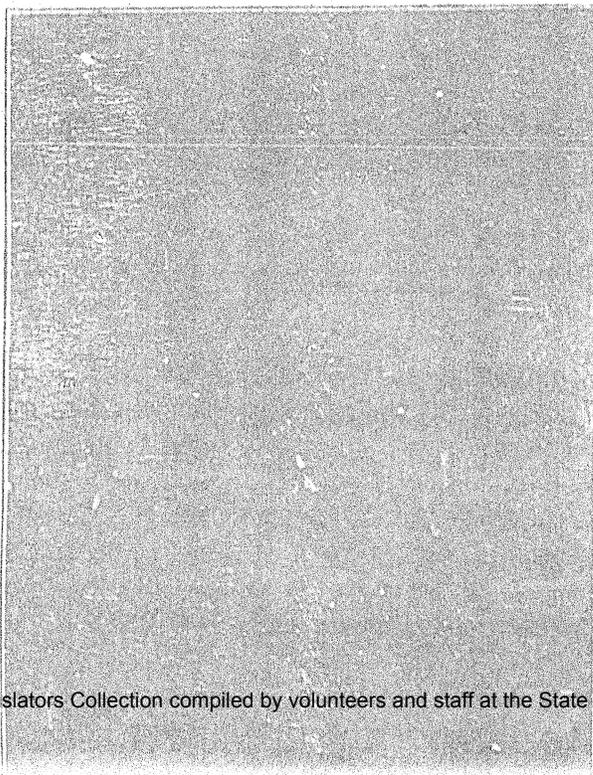
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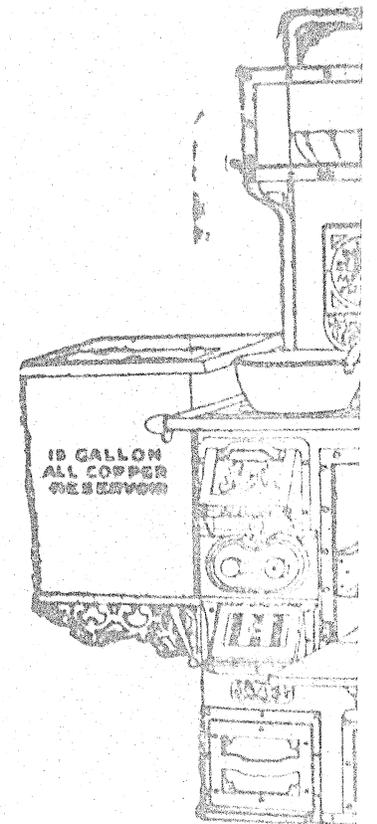
Another Old Resident Gone.

P. F. Sturgis died at his rooms in this city Monday morning after an illness of two or three weeks. His death was due to blood poisoning as the result of boils or carbuncles. Funeral services will be held from his rooms this afternoon at one o'clock. The H. A. L. Club will have charge, and Rev. Rice, who is a member of the Club will make a few remarks. The pall bearers will be L. Dutton, Wm. Heiserman, J. S. Sampson, Chas. Woodard, Jas. F. Smith and Wm. Colby, all of whom are old residents here, coming to the county about the time or before Mr. Sturgis did. Members of the H. A. L. acted as honorary pall bearers, also. Following the services the remains were laid at rest beside those of his wife in the city on the hill. Mr. Sturgis is survived by two sons, Henry Clay and Lew I., the latter of whom is postmaster at Oelwein.

Phineas F. Sturgis was born in Fayette county, Pa., in the year 1830. He received his education in the schools of his native state and attended Jefferson College at Cannonsburg, but did not complete the course of study in that institution. After leaving college he engaged as clerk in a dry goods store at Uniontown, his native state. In 1851 he came to Iowa, locating in West Union, then a village of perhaps seventy-



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Gospel Meetings.

ood J. Bulgin, D. D., arriv-
nesday from Toledo, Ohio,
led in a grand meeting in
ersons began the Christian
ulgin came here at the re-
e Ministerial Association to
ion gospel meetings. He
y recommended as a wise,
raightforward, gentlemanly
of twelve years of fruitful
e Lord. He is proving to
was claimed for him. Dr.
southern Christian gentle-
a big heart and an over-
assion to help men by di-
t, winsome presentation of
ne to his Saviour, who re-
n from error when he was a
yer and an enemy of the

on on Wednesday night was
xv, 20; and the "Resurrec-
s Christ" was ably set forth.
as subject for Thursday
or over an hour the hearers
and moved. Says one of
itizens: "Did you ever hear
ition of the Scriptures?"
xxvii, 40, "The Unreason-
nds of Unbelief" were con-
gued, Friday night. During
fourteen asked for prayers
tian people, and one young
dered to Christ.

noon parabolic lectures have
l and searching. The open-
od's Word has been a reve-
rious suggestions to many
hearts.

morning a large congrega-
Dr. Bulgin on the subject,
or Service." In the after-
children were addressed; and
union of young peoples' so-
Equipment for Service." A
regation of between 700 and
Sunday night, Dr. Bulgin's
eal for the Bible, "Why I
Bible." Rev. Rice, of the
ong two beautiful solos,
d, with the assistance of a
rendering inspiring praise.
ght salvation Sunday night.
cts early this week are: "Is
e Hell?" "The Moral Man,"
rdonable Sin," and the clos-
s of the week on "The Won-

THE LATE P. F. STURGIS.

five people, the county of Fayette hav-
ing only been organized the previous
year. Mr. Sturgis first secured employ-
ment as clerk in the dry goods store of
Woodle & Brunson, but the next year
formed a business partnership with
Daniel Cook, which continued until the
death of the latter in 1854. In 1857 he
removed to Clear Lake, establishing
general merchandising stores there and
at Mason City. At the breaking out of
the rebellion in 1861 he returned to this
city and re-embarked in the general
merchandise business, continuing until
1872, when he sold out. In 1878 he
made extensive purchases of land in
Kansas, and later on made handsome
profits from an addition which he laid
out adjacent to the village of Beloit.

On January 31st, 1856, Mr. Sturgis
was married to Miss Rachel Irvine, of
West Union. Besides the two sons men-
tioned above another son and daughter
were born to them but both died in in-
fancy.

In politics Mr. Sturgis was in early
life a Clay Whig, but after the breaking
up of that party he assisted in organ-
izing the Republican party of Iowa,
and was active in both local and state
politics for many years. Mr. Sturgis
was elected a member of the Tenth
General Assembly in 1863, and at the
close of his term declined a re-election.
In 1876 he was appointed by Governor
Kirkwood as a trustee of the College for
the Blind at Vinton, which position he
filled for four years. He declined a re-
appointment. In 1880 he was a dele-
gate to the Republican National Con-
vention in Chicago, where, after a
memorable six day's struggle James A.
Garfield was selected as a compromise
candidate for President and James G.
Blaine, the "Plumed Knight," went to
defeat.

Mr. Sturgis was a wide reader, being
especially fond of ancient and modern
history and biography, in fact, locally
he was considered authority on these
subjects. His private library was a
very fine one. Mr. Sturgis was a man
of strong and positive convictions and
was a firm friend and a cordial and un-
compromising hater. His later years
were embittered by financial reverses
and other troubles, and the bits of sun-
shine that drifted across his pathway in
the last few years of his life were none
too many.

A Truck Accident

Early callers

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Adjourned Council Proceed

CITY HALL, FEBRUARY

Council met in adjourned
and was called to order by ma-
tem Neff.

Roll call showed present Ma-
tem Neff, Councilmen Magner
Hall and Butler.

Minutes of proceeding meeti-
and approved.

Moved, seconded and carri-
report of committee on Hiding-
ter be accepted and that a
for \$25.00 be drawn in favor o-
ents & Clements, attorneys for
est M. Hiding, to pay in
claim for all damages against
of West Union.

Ordinance No. 5, Chapter 5,
8, was then read for its thir-
An ordinance for the establis-
the grade on Maple street, in
of West Union, Iowa, and an
Section No. 8, of Ordinance N
Chapter No. 5 of the ordina-
West Union, Iowa.

Upon motion, second and v-
dinance No. 5, Chapter 5, and
8, was adopted by yea vote of 1
Butler, C. G. Neff and Magner

An Ordinance, Section No. 2
ance No. 7, Chapter 7, estal-
width of sidewalk on the west
Vine street, between Main an
ford streets, was then put on
reading.

Hartford Insurance Cor-
agent's report of condition of
works boiler was submitted
cepted. Said report stated bo-
in good and sound condition.

Bill of Dr. Kenedy for \$2.00
fessional services was presen-
ordered paid by warrant on tr

Moved, seconded and carri-
mayor and city recorder pl-
records on record books in
form.

Motion to adjourn carried.

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ALBUM
OF
Fayette County, Iowa.

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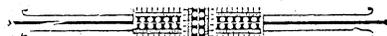
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OF THE COUNTY

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of eight years; William James is the only son; and Clara died in her second year. In their religious views and relations Mr. Graham and his wife are Methodists. In political sentiment, he is a Republican of the most pronounced type and does all in his power for the success of the party. While a resident of Windsor Township, he served as Justice of the Peace three years, as Assessor two years, Township Clerk seven years and School Director for several years. He was Trustee of Union Township one year, City Assessor of West Union one year and a member of the City Board of Education. His official duties have ever been discharged with promptness and fidelity, winning him the respect of all. Socially, he is a member of Abernethy Post, No. 48, G. A. R. of West Union, of which he has served as Commander two terms. Mr. Graham is a man of positive convictions, earnest in his devotion to his party and strong in patriotic sentiment. His military record is good and he has reason to be proud of his part in the preservation of the Union. As a business man and citizen he ranks high and enjoys the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has been brought in contact, in a marked degree.



HON. PHINEAS F. STURGIS, of West Union, banker, farmer and stock-dealer and late a merchant of this city, is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Fayette County in December, 1830. His parents were Enos and Diana (Jones) Sturgis, both of whom were born in the same county as their son, the father in March, 1803, and the mother in 1806. Her death occurred in 1883 but Mr. Sturgis is still living at the old home at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. The grandfather of our subject was also named Phineas and was born in Pennsylvania, in the year 1777. He was a son of John Sturgis who was born near Philadelphia, about 1750, served as a soldier in the War of the Revolution and fought at Brandywine, Monmouth and Germantown and was encamped with Washington's army at Valley Forge during the dreary winter of 1777. The Sturgis

family was founded in America by brothers of that name who emigrated from England, their native country, about the year 1700 and settled in Massachusetts, Canada and one in New Jersey, whence he removed to Pennsylvania.

The subject of our sketch is descended from the last branch of the family. He received his education in the public school of his native State and attended the Jefferson College of Cannonsburg, Pa., but did not complete the course of study in that institution. After leaving college he engaged as clerk in a dry-goods store of Uniontown, Pa., and in 1851, nearly forty years ago, came to the then frontier State of Iowa, locating in West Union which at that time contained about seventy-five inhabitants, the county of Fayette having been organized only the previous year (1850). Mr. Sturgis first secured employment as a clerk in the dry-goods store of Woodle & Brunson, but the next year formed a business partnership with Daniel Cook in general merchandising which continued until the death of the latter in 1854. Three years later Mr. Sturgis removed to Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo County, where he opened two general merchandise stores, one at the town of his residence and the other at Mason City which he operated three years. At the breaking out of the war in 1861 he closed his business in that county and returned to West Union, where he soon after re-embarked in the general mercantile business which he continued until 1872 when he sold and purchased a farm near the city. In 1878 he purchased lands in the State of Kansas, one tract of which with his usual sagacity, he purchased near the thriving city of Beloit and in 1885 laid out eighty acres of that land into Sturgis' Addition to the city of Beloit, from the sales of a part of which property he has realized handsome profits. He also owns and operates a farm adjacent to that city.

On the 31st of January, 1856, Mr. Sturgis and Miss Rachel Irwin, of West Union were married. She was the only daughter of John and Catherine Irwin, deceased, and was born in Union County, Pa. They have two sons living and have lost one son and one daughter, both having died at the age of nine months. The elder son, Henry Clay, married Miss Dora Scoville, of Fayette County, and is

engaged in banking in Oelwein, Iowa, where they make their home. Lew I. was for many years employed by the United States Government in the pension department at Washington. He married Miss Ella Rogers of that city and at the present time is engaged in the cattle business. He resides with his father at the old home at West Union.

Mr. Sturgis has always been a man of enterprise, has no hobbies, is thoroughly practical in his methods in politics as well as business, has done his full share in improving and building up the town and has added to it many structures some of which were costly and remain as ornaments to the city. A few years ago, in company with his son Henry Clay, he founded the Citizens' Bank of Oelwein, the business of which institution has been carefully and successfully conducted by the son as cashier and resident partner. In politics Mr. Sturgis was in early life a Clay Whig, but after the breaking up of that party by the passage of what is known as the Kansas and Nebraska Bill, repealing the slavery restriction compromise of 1820, he assisted in organizing the Republican party of Iowa, was active and influential in both local and State politics for many years, acquiring a State-wide reputation as an unselfish, reliable, discreet, sagacious and effective politician and enjoying in a marked degree the confidence of public men. Mr. Sturgis has always had an aversion to holding official positions himself, his ambition not being in that direction, and for this reason he was dubbed by his friends with the sobriquet of "the Thurlow Weed of Iowa." Without solicitation on his part, however, he was nominated and elected on the Republican ticket in 1863 a member of the Tenth General Assembly of Iowa, and at the commencement of the session was placed on the Committees of Ways and Means, Internal Improvement, Judicial Districts and Organization of the Counties, besides serving on several important special and select committees raised by the House during the session. At the close of his term he declined to become a candidate for re-election. Again in 1876 he was chosen by the State Legislature and commissioned by Gov. Kirkwood, a Trustee for the College for the Blind at Vinton, Iowa, which position he filled for four years with credit to himself and friends and with

honor to the institution. At the end of his term he declined a re-appointment. The Republican State Convention in 1880 again honored Mr. Sturgis by choosing him a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Chicago, in June of that year, where he was witness of, and participated in that memorable six days' struggle of the intellectual Republican giants of the Nation, resulting, as all remember, in a drawn battle and a compromise candidate for nominee for President in the person of Gen. Garfield. Mr. Sturgis zealously supported Mr. Blaine for President until the thirty-sixth and last ballot when his delegation in a body voted for Garfield. Shortly after he withdrew from active politics but is still, as ever, a close observer of public events as well as a careful student of the annals of the race.

Mr. Sturgis is a man of positive convictions, has firmness of character with strong will power, possesses great courage, is fond of books, has always been a general reader, has a retentive memory, is deeply versed in biography, in ancient and modern history, in fact is considered authority on most biographical and historic subjects. Of all the books which he has read those of which he is most fond are Gibbon's Rome, Plutarch's Lives and Shakespeare. He is of the opinion, however, that Lord Bacon produced most of the plays contained in Shakespeare's works. His private library is among the largest and best selected in this section of the State. The religious views of Mr. Sturgis not being very fully expressed lead us to believe him as rather favoring the advanced opinions of such men as Thomas and Swing. He has been a member of the Masonic fraternity for more than thirty years, and Mrs. Sturgis is a consistent member of the Baptist Church.



ISAAC HOMEWOOD, one of the successful farmers of Westfield Township, residing on section 35, was born in County Kent, England, December 5, 1829, and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Munn) Homewood, both of whom were



You searched for **P. F. Sturgis** in Iowa

1860 United States Federal Census

Name:	P F Sturgis	
Age in 1860:	30	
Birth Year:	abt 1830	
Birthplace:	Pennsylvania	
Home in 1860:	Mason, Cerro Gordo, Iowa	
Gender:	Male	
Post Office:	Mason City	
Value of real estate:	View image	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	P F Sturgis	30
	Rachael Sturgis	30
	Clay Sturgis	3
	Frank Sturgis	9/12
	Sophrona Zaver	17

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1880 United States Federal Census

Name:	Phineas F. Sturgis	
Home in 1880:	West Union, Fayette, Iowa	
Age:	49	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1831	
Birthplace:	Pennsylvania	
Relation to Head of Household:	Self (Head)	
Spouse's name:	Rachil P.	
Father's birthplace:	Pennsylvania	
Mother's birthplace:	Pennsylvania	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Occupation:	Farmer	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Cannot read/write:		
Blind:	View image	
Deaf and dumb:		
Otherwise disabled:		
Idiotic or insane:		
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Phineas F. Sturgis	49
	Rachil P. Sturgis	49
	Lew Sturgis	20
	Mary Cassidy	26

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: West Union, Fayette, Iowa; Roll 340; Family History Film: 1254340; Page: 224D; Enumeration District: 210; Image: 0049.

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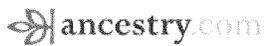
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Iowa State Census, 1895

Name:	Phineas F. Sturgis
Age:	64
Race:	White
Birthplace:	Pennsylvania
Residence:	1st Ward West Union, Fayette

Source Information:
Ancestry.com. *Iowa State Census, 1895* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2003.
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1900 United States Federal Census

Name:	P F Sturgis	
Home in 1900:	West Union, Fayette, Iowa	
Age:	69	
Birth Date:	Dec 1830	
Birthplace:	Pennsylvania	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Relationship to Head of House:	Lodger	
Father's Birthplace:	Pennsylvania	
Mother's Birthplace:	Pennsylvania	
Marital Status:	Married	
Occupation:	View on Image	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Miliard B Clements	31
	Almira E Clements	28
	David A Clements	1
	Lena Hegler	17
	P F Sturgis	69

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- **Given Name:** Phineas F.
- **Surname:** Sturgis
- **Sex:** M
- **Birth:** 1830

First Name

Last Name

Age

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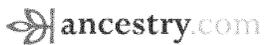
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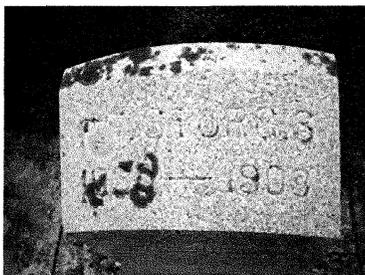
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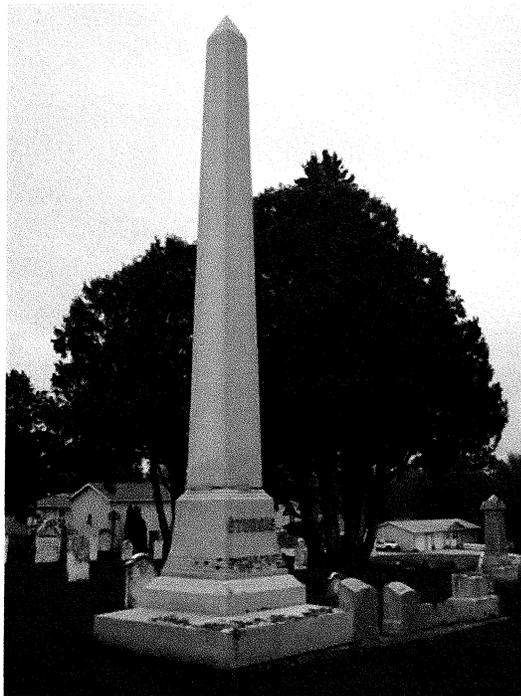
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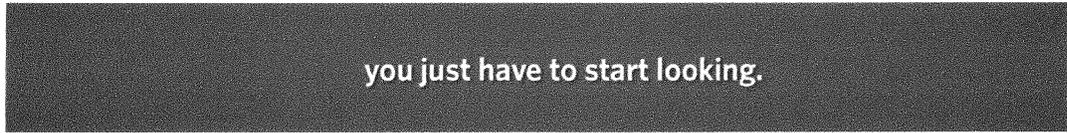
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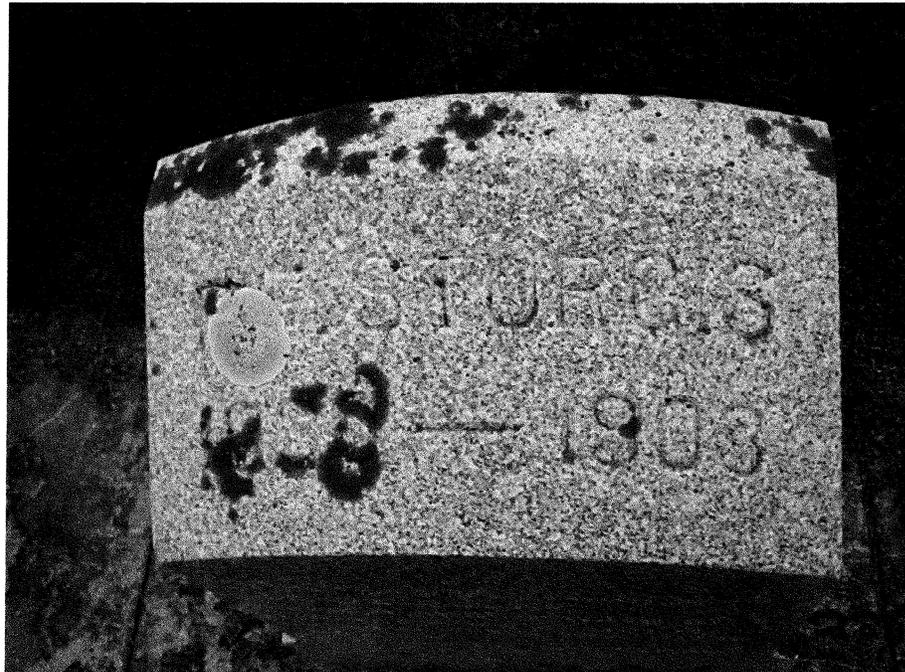
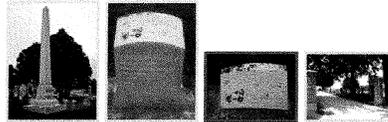


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