

In politics he was a Republican, while fraternally he was a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellow organizations. He made no profession of religion, yet he was an habitual church attendant. The early training received from his parents in the Presbyterian faith had a marked effect on his whole life, as evidenced by the sterling integrity and sincerity of purpose which characterized the man.

He died in Chicago, Illinois, on March 2, 1913, after a short illness, at the age of 61 years. The body was brought to his home at Cherokee, Iowa, where it was laid to rest with suitable services by the fraternal organizations with which he had been identified.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Louise Crawford, of Cherokee, and Archibald R. Crawford of Ames, Iowa.

Whereas, The life, character and service of the deceased was such as to entitle him to the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of this former member of the House there has been lost one whose labors and influence were beneficial to the state; that his family is bereft of a loving husband and a kind father; that we mourn with them in their loss, and extend our sympathy in their hour of sorrow; and further

Resolved, That in appreciation of the useful and well spent life of Hon. James S. Crawford these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that an engrossed copy thereof be sent to the widow and son:

J. D. PETERSON,  
W. P. DAWSON,  
JULIUS ROHWER,  
*Committee.*

Adopted April 3, 1913.

HON. JOSEPH A. KECK.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions of respect to the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Joseph A. Keck, a member of the Twenty-eighth General Assembly, beg leave to report the following:

The subject of this sketch was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, December 9, 1827, and came to this state in 1845, settling near Utica, Van Buren County, where he lived until his removal to Seattle, Washington, in September, 1910. He was married in 1853 to Miss Inghaba Ebert, who survives him. He was the father of twelve children, ten of whom are still living, one dying in infancy, and a daughter, Mrs. Mary Dougherty of Seattle, dying less than a year ago. He also has one brother and two sisters surviving. He was an active member in the Utica Methodist Episcopal Church and an ardent Sunday school worker.

He lived fifty years in Cedar Township, Van Buren County, on one of the best farms in Iowa, devoting his time to stock raising, feeding and shipping. Mr. Keck possessed far more than average ability as a man of affairs, his talents being demanded in many offices of public service. He was Township Trustee, Justice of the Peace, and for two years was the President of the Van Buren County Agricultural Society. This was one of the most useful and honorable positions in the county, having been held by such men as ex-Senator George G. Wright, George W. Games, Dr. George S. Guernsey, J. B. Bleakmore, George C. Duffield, Colonel H. Blackledge, B. S. Ream and others. It is needless to say the affairs under his administration were successful. He was also interested in the Bentonsport Milling Company for some time. He recruited and drilled a Home Guard Militia Company, known as the "Bonaparte Guards," under authority of chapter thirty-five, Ninth General Assembly, and was elected its Captain.

He represented Van Buren County in the Twenty-eighth General Assembly, discharging the duties of the office with honesty and fidelity to his constituents and the public, and was at all times and under all circumstances an honest, sincere and faithful public servant. He would have been re-elected for another term had he not been absent from the state when the nominating convention was held. Therefore be it

Resolved, That in his death the state and county has lost a worthy and honorable citizen, and we hereby extend to the relatives and friends our tribute of respect; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions of respect be printed in the Journal of the House and the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an engrossed copy to the family of the deceased.

S. H. BAUMAN,  
J. W. BLACKFORD,  
C. C. CANNON,

*Committee.*

Adopted April 3, 1913.

HON. WILLIAM GIDEON CROW.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare and present suitable resolutions of respect to the life, character and public service of the late William Gideon Crow, a member of the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth General Assemblies, beg leave to report the following:

The subject of this sketch was born in Tennessee, July 2, 1837, and removed to Appanoose County, Iowa, in 1856. In 1872 he removed to Eldon, Wapello County, where he resided until his death. At the age of twenty-seven years he enlisted in Company D of the Sixth Iowa Infantry, and was wounded at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain