

Resolved, That we extend to the sorrowing wife and children our sympathy in their loss, and hereby express our high appreciation of his public services to his State and Nation; and the clerk of the House is hereby instructed to mail an engrossed copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased and to enter the same upon the Journal of the House.

A. F. N. HAMBLETON,
JOHN F. OFFILL,
J. S. PRITCHARD,

Committee.

Adopted Feb. 7, 1906.

REMARKS OF MR. HAMBLETON.

MR. SPEAKER: I crave the indulgence of the House to add a few words commemorative of the life of a man whose wide experience, strong patriotism, now called to his reward, should command our respect.

Born in 1828 in Westminster Co., N. Y., and early left an orphan with but the rudiments of an education he began at the age of ten years driving mules on the canal, and at the age of seventeen he shipped from New York City on a whaler with the Azores as its destination. Rounding Cape Horn the Sandwich Islands were reached where the news of the Mexican War was made known.

On the route home, Kamchatka, Chili, New Zealand, and Cape of Good Hope were visited.

Seven years later in further maritime service he was engaged with a transport for troops from Vera Cruz, New Orleans, and Old Point Comfort and later in the Cotton Trade between southern points and from Liverpool to the Baltic Sea and between New York and Havana with numerous voyages.

After a winter teaching school in New York in 1852 he located in Cleveland, and later helped build the first bridge over the Mississippi river, and in 1856 he settled in Mahaska County, Iowa, being engaged at first to build the bridge spanning the Des Moines river at Eddyville.

He was united in marriage with Emily Ballenger, and commenced with others the development of Iowa's great agricultural resources. With the early call for volunteers in the Civil War, inspired then as ever, with the true spirit of love for country, and heeding the warning which came in the effort to overthrow our nation he responded by enlisting in Co. K. of the 18th Iowa Infantry, being soon made Sargeant. He was with his regiment in six hard fought engagements in Missouri being mustered out with a Captain's commission.

Retiring again to private life in agricultural pursuits, he was honored by election as a member of the House of the Twelfth General Assembly of Iowa in which he served with faithfulness to his constituency and honor to himself.

That session being one of importance in the re-adjustment of industrial and civil affairs somewhat demoralized by the civil strife and its consequences.

The venerable and esteemed Gentleman from Warren being the single member, so far as I know, who was then a member of that Assembly and now holds a seat in the present Assembly.

As a School Teacher, which position he occupied for a number of years, as a Sailor, a Soldier, a Farmer, a Legislator and a Justice of the Peace he left a record of ability, true patriotism, frugal industry, conscientious response to duty, and unquestioned integrity of life and Christian character; and I cheerfully pay this tribute from personal acquaintanceship and a sense of just recognition of a man whose life in many ways was to be emulated.

HON. STURGIS WILLIAMS.

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to draft resolutions in memory of the life and public services of the Honorable Sturgis Williams of Fremont County, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following report:

The Honorable Sturgis Williams, a member of the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth General Assembly from Fremont County, departed this life January 18, 1905, at Sidney, Iowa. He was born in New York June 1, 1837. He came to Fremont county in 1856. He served four years in the Civil War as a member of the Fourth Iowa Infantry. He was with Grant at Vicksburg and followed Sherman in his March to the Sea.

Resolved, That in his death the community in which he lived as well as the State at large has lost an estimable citizen, one whose life was above reproach and whose character was beyond the control of contaminating influences. The church has lost a faithful worker and his family a kind and loving parent. The purity of his life was known and recognized in military as well as in civil life.

That these resolutions be printed in the Journal and a copy be sent to his family.

F. M. LAIRD,
WM. COBB,
JOHN S. STANBERRY,
Committee.

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