

## CHAPTER 321

## WILLSON ALEXANDER SCOTT

S. F. 517

AN ACT to provide for a marker and fence at the grave of Willson Alexander Scott and providing an appropriation therefor.

WHEREAS, the capital of Iowa was located at Des Moines, Iowa, by the commissioners selected for that purpose, and

WHEREAS, in the locating of the site therefor there was donated to the state of Iowa, by Willson Alexander Scott the greater part of a tract of land of ten acres in extent as capitol grounds, and

WHEREAS, said tract was accepted by the state of Iowa, and the present capitol is located thereon, and

WHEREAS, said Willson Alexander Scott died in Nebraska Territory during the year of 1857, and

WHEREAS, the said Willson Alexander Scott expressed a desire that he be buried upon his homestead, a town lot now a part of the capitol grounds of the state of Iowa, and

WHEREAS, in the year of 1859, the remains of the said Willson Alexander Scott were brought to Des Moines, Iowa, and interred on said lot southeast of the capitol on grounds overlooking the Des Moines valley, and

WHEREAS, the grave of said Willson Alexander Scott after remaining in a state of neglect for half a century and is unmarked save by a large boulder the historical department placed there in 1913 now resting thereon, and

WHEREAS, there is no inscription upon said boulder nor at the grave, and there is nothing at that place to indicate the burial place of the said Willson Alexander Scott, although the place is recorded in the historical department by the surveyor's notes showing courses and distances,

WHEREAS, it is deemed fitting and proper that the state of Iowa should show its respect and appreciation to the memory of the said Willson Alexander Scott by erecting or placing a suitable tablet or marker at his grave, therefore

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. That there is hereby appropriated out of the funds of  
2 the state not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$500.00, said sum  
3 to be expended by the historical department of Iowa, under the direc-  
4 tion of its board of trustees and with the approval of the executive  
5 council in preparing and placing a suitable memorial monument at  
6 the grave of the said Willson Alexander Scott, and in erecting some  
7 suitable barrier or other structure about said grave, provided that any  
8 gift or bequest the historical department may receive for the purpose  
9 of aiding in this expression of the state's regard shall be applied  
10 entirely toward carrying out the purposes of this act.

Approved April 10, A. D. 1923.