

Thomas McKendree Stuart

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elbow, and in his discharge for disability July 3, 1862. He returned home and in November, 1863, was appointed as a deputy United States marshal, stationed at Grinnell. He served nineteen months, then became a traveling salesman for a marble firm. In 1867 he removed to Osceola and engaged in the grocery business with E. Atkins. He was appointed postmaster at Osceola by President Johnson on December 10, 1868, reappointed by President Grant December 11, 1872, and again December 14, 1876, by President Hayes December 21, 1880, by President Arthur December 19, 1884, but was superseded January 13, 1886. He was elected representative the fall of 1885, and was re-elected in 1887, serving in the Twenty-first and Twenty-second general assemblies. President Harrison appointed him postmaster on December 19, 1889, and he served until December 14, 1893. He was again appointed postmaster, this time by President Roosevelt March 14, 1906, and was reappointed by President Taft December 19, 1910, and served until March 26, 1915. He thus was appointed postmaster by seven different presidents and served in that office thirty years.

THOMAS MCKENDREE STUART was born near Williamsburg, Pennsylvania, May 19, 1843, and died in Council Bluffs, Iowa, April 3, 1911. His parents were Rev. David Orr Stuart and Mary Ann (Spicce) Stuart. In 1852 the family removed to what is now West Virginia. Thomas' education was largely acquired by his own application. He enlisted and served in a West Virginia regiment of the Union Army during the Civil War. In 1865 he removed to Iowa, joined the Des Moines Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church as a preacher on trial, and was assigned to a circuit at Sidney. The next year he was at Harlan. In 1867 he was appointed to Elkpoint, Dakota Territory, where he preached two years and at the same time served as superintendent of public instruction. In 1869 he was assigned to Norwalk, Warren County, Iowa, where he preached and pursued a course of study at Simpson College, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of B. A. in 1872, and the degree of M. A. in 1875. He was honored with the degree of D. D. by Little Rock University in 1888. He served pastorates at Monroe, De Soto, Chariton, and Afton, was presiding elder of the Indianola-Chariton District from 1879 to 1882, was pastor at Chariton, was presiding elder of the Corning District from 1885 to 1889, was pastor at Broadway Church, Council Bluffs, was again presiding elder of the Chariton District from 1892 to 1897, following by pastorates at Grace Church, Des Moines, at Beatrice, Nebraska, and at Harlan, Glidden, and Dunlap, Iowa, retiring in 1910 after being forty-five years actively in the ministry, thirty years pastor and fifteen years presiding elder. He was a delegate to three general conferences of his church, in 1884 in Philadelphia, in 1888 in New York City, and in 1900 in Chicago, and was a member of the Book Committee from 1888 to 1892. He was a man of large abilities, original in thought, and a real leader.

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