

## Dates of Installation of Kirkwood and Harlan Statues in National Capitol

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## EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

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### THE PIONEER LAWMAKERS

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An innovation is introduced with this number of the ANNALS. We have long felt that the objects, purposes, and achievements of the Pioneer Lawmakers Association were closely related to those of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department. For several years its biennial meetings have been held in our Portrait Gallery. There, surrounded by the walls on which are shown the pictured features of some of Iowa's most eminent and historic characters, it has seemed most appropriate for the members to carry on their proceedings. They have had in their membership in the past many of the men most eminent in Iowa legislation and affairs. They have now among their membership men whose attendance on the meetings lend inspiration to any gathering, and whose contributions on the programs are real historic papers. So it seemed appropriate that not only their meetings should be held in the Historical, Memorial and Art Building, but that, if it met with their approval, the ANNALS be made the medium of publication of an epitome of their proceedings, and of the more formal papers and addresses. As will be seen in the proceedings published herein, the suggestion was presented to them and was gladly accepted.

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### DATES OF INSTALLATION OF KIRKWOOD AND HARLAN STATUES IN NATIONAL CAPITOL

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The Curator of this department received an inquiry some months ago asking for the date of the placement of the statue of Governor Kirkwood in Statuary Hall of the Capitol at Washington, with the statement that the information did not seem to be obtainable at the national capital. On search of the many refer-

ences in this department to the statues themselves of both Kirkwood and Harlan that are in Statuary Hall we were unable to find the dates of their placement or installation, so we had recourse to our newspaper files.

Each state is authorized to provide and furnish statues in marble or bronze of two deceased persons who have been citizens thereof, and illustrious for their historic renown, or for distinguished civic or military services. The Thirty-first General Assembly, 1906, authorized Vinnie Ream Hoxie, Iowa sculptress, to model and have made a statue in bronze of Governor Kirkwood, and the next assembly, the Thirty-second, 1907, authorized the Executive Council to cause to be made a bronze statue of Senator James Harlan to be placed there and the execution of the order was placed with Nellie V. Walker, another Iowa sculptress, now of Chicago.

Although the Harlan statue was last to be authorized, it was first to be completed and placed in position. In the *Register and Leader* of Des Moines of February 17, 1910, the Washington news letter of John Snure dated February 16 says that day the Harlan statue was being put into position. The Kirkwood statue did not assume its place until more than three years later. In the *Register and Leader* of November 27, 1913, in a dispatch from Washington dated November 26, it is stated that the Kirkwood statue had arrived and was being placed.

Thus it appears that the Harlan statue, authorized in the session of 1907, was placed in February, 1910, and that the Kirkwood statue, authorized in 1906, was placed in November 1913, nearly eight years after being authorized. It seems no public ceremonies occurred at the installation of either statue.

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