Permanent Marking of Historic Sites

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But in his own life Judge Brown exemplified the peculiar value of his type of citizen. Besides the offices and honors mentioned by Judge Sloan, he religiously attended to, and efficiently performed the duties of Mayor of Keosauqua for years, and was a member of the Board of School Trustees continuously for twenty-four years.

This man actually withheld the appearance of suffering from the world, and only his intimates knew he was without freedom from pain ever after receiving his wound at Corinth. With such fortitude, and a genius for selecting the humor in a situation, and for gauging the capacity of his auditor for receiving it, his personality was a prism through which affairs passed into the lives of all he touched, only in such quality and character as were inspiring.

PERMANENT MARKING OF HISTORIC SITES.

The Iowa Daughters of the American Revolution have under consideration extensive plans for marking Iowa Historic Sites. As yet their services in this respect have been rather as individual chapters, and without special regard for a general state-wide movement. The Historical Department has urged the society to assume responsibility for a general if not uniform method of determining and appropriately marking historic sites, and has advanced through correspondence and public addresses by the Curator some reasons therefor. Responses have been received which give promise that widespread and significant results may be expected during the next year. So much present benefit is derived from the agitation for funds, the gathering of evidence as to sites and importance of events and persons commemorated, in the actual erection and ceremonies connected therewith, and in the positive and permanent influences for good that reside in a visible monument, that we feel very amply warranted in sharing the labor and meeting some expense on the part of the Historical Department.
Two very notable contributions to the purpose of marking historic sites in this State have been made recently by individual chapters. On October 28th the Jean Espy Chapter erected Lone Chimney Monument on the site and commemorating the establishment of old Fort Madison. Deputy U. S. Attorney George B. Stewart made the address at the ceremony of unveiling. The monument is a reproduction of the stone chimney of the old fort, for years a famous landmark, and the tablet placed where the fireplace would be bears the following inscription:

**ERECTED 1908**

**BY**

**JEAN ESPY CHAPTER,**

**DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.**

**ON SITE OF**

**OLD FORT MADISON,**

**BUILT 1808.**

**EVACUATED AND BURNED**

**BY GARRISON 1813.**

Stars and Stripes Chapter at Burlington, on November 12th unveiled a beautiful tablet commemorating the use of Old Zion Church as the first capitol of Iowa. The bronze tablet attached to the wall of the Opera House which stands on the site of Old Zion Church, bears the following inscription:

**THIS TABLET MARKS THE SITE OF**

**OLD ZION CHURCH, M. E.,**

**IN WHICH CONVENEED THE FIRST LEGISLATURE**

**OF THE TERRITORY OF IOWA,**

**NOVEMBER 12, 1838.**

**ERECTED BY STARS AND STRIPES CHAPTER,**

**DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION,**

**NOVEMBER 12, 1910.**

The program at the ceremony of unveiling consisted of an invocation by Dr. Eugene Allen, patriotic songs, an address of welcome by Mrs. H. C. Jordan, an address on “Old Zion Church” by Mr. J. L. Waite, an address on the Administration of Robert Lucas” by Mr. Edgar R. Harlan, the presentation of tablet by Mrs. G. A. Chilgren and acceptance by Mayor Cross on behalf of the city, and closing prayer by Rev. Naboth Osborne.