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STONE, EMERY ALBERT

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Albert Emery Stone was born April 7, 1884 in Kent, Minnesota, son of Emery Sr. and Martha (Sperry) Stone. When Albert was one year old, his father left for the gold fields in Alaska, and that was the last time he was seen by his wife and relatives. No word was every received of his whereabouts. Years later, taking it for granted that he was dead, Martha (Sperry) Stone remarried to Mac McKenzie. To this union was born one child, William, now on the Saint Cloud Police Force.

Albert, after his father left home, went to Minneapolis to live with his grandmother. There he received his education and when he reached the age of sixteen years he started to fulfill his life's ambition, to become a cow boy. His first step was Montana and there he landed a job on a ranch as a chore boy. After a few years at this job Albert had acquired considerable knowledge in the art of horse breaking and this he put to use in his next job of breaking bronchos. At this he worked until about 1913 and he claims he broke some very stubborn bronchos.

In 1913 Albert returned to Minnesota and landed in Saint Cloud. Here he learned the stone polishing trade in the Holes Brothers' shed. That same year he was married to Christina ^EDuss, who was born March 27, 1894 in Germany. She came to America with her parents when she was thirteen years old.

After working in the Saint Cloud shed for three or four years Albert moved to Wausau, Wisconsin where he took charge of a stone shed, as there was a strike going on in that city, among the stone workers. While living there a daughter, Marjory, (born in St. Cloud) died at the age of two and a half years. Her death so upset Albert and his wife that they left Wausau and returned to Saint Cloud, Minnesota.

Albert then got a job on the Saint Cloud Police Force. Ed. Brick was then Chief of Police. Albert's starting wage was \$75.00 a month and he was the first motorcycle patrolman in the city of Saint Cloud. His

first cycle was an old, second hand, belt driven, single cylinder machine, and at the time of its purchase, capable of going about ten miles an hour. Albert overhauled the machine and soon had it running at a faster speed but it still was too slow to catch any speed violaters so the city bought a new motorcycle for him, and with this he could then acquire the high rate of speed of seventy-five or eighty miles an hour. Arrests were common then as he sometimes made as high as eighteen arrests in a single ten hour day.

In 1925 while pursuing a stolen car, Albert was rammed by another machine, he was going about seventy-five miles an hour and the impact threw him into the ditch, wrecking the cycle and breaking three of his ribs and injuring one of his arms and legs. He was picked up and rushed to the hospital where he was confined for one month.

Shortly after this Albert bought a farm near Clearwater, on which he lived for about one year, and then went back to Wausau, Wisconsin, but there he stayed for only two years and again returned to Saint Cloud.

In 1931 Albert had a paralytic stroke which paralyzed his left side and confined him to his home.

To Albert and Christina (Duss) Stone were born seven children: Melvin, born January 4, 1916; Emery, born July 31, 1914; Martha, born April 19, 1918; Dorothy, born September 5, 1921; Vernon, born June 16, 1923; Elroy, born October 27, 1933; and Marjory who died at the age of two and a half years.

Interviewed: Albert Emery Stone
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Albert Emery Stone and Christina Margaret ~~Duns~~

Married at St. Cloud, Oct. 14, 1913

By: Rev. F. W. Hill

Witnesses: Julia Heiseck and Wm McKenzie