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The son of Walter Wilson and Eleanor (Holt) Stone, Alfred Holt Stone was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on 16 October 1870. He received his LL.B. (1891) and an LL.D. (1916) from the University of Mississippi, and another LL.D. from Southwestern at Memphis (1928). On 25 June 1896 he married Mary Bailey Ireys. Stone's interests were various, a cotton planter and a lawyer from 1893 to 1932, in 1921 he organised the Staple Cotton Cooperative Association. ^{in Mississippi} ^{in 1921 and until} Until his death he served as ~~XX~~ vice-president of this organization and edited its journal, the Staple Cotton Review.

~~History, too, attracted him, and he served as~~ ^D president of the Mississippi Historical Society (1912--1913) ^{and} He was the author of a history of the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments as well as a collection of articles on the ~~XXXXXX~~ ^{race, black question} many of ~~these~~ ^{of 1911} these articles were combined to form his Studies in the American Race Problem. ~~Taking the tone of a moderate,~~ Stone advocated a states' rights, laissez faire position which spelled second-class citizenship for the black.

~~His views were in tune with his age and state, for he served in the Mississippi legislature from 1916 to 1923 and, in 1932, he was named Tax Commissioner and Chairman of the State Tax Commission. During his years as tax administrator he was president of the National Tax Association (1937) and of the National Tax Association (1938-1939). Mr. Stone died on 11 May 1955, after serving over twenty years as~~ ^{Stone also} ^{and in 1932} ^{a post he held for over twenty years.} ^{and his death} ~~XXXXXX~~ ^{WWWA 3}

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