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## Stone

**T. A. Stone**, a general merchant of Harrisburg, Ark., carries a full line of hats, caps, clothing, boots and shoes, groceries, etc., and although he has only been established in business here since November, 1883, he has built up a paying patronage. He is a native born resident of the county, his birth occurring in 1846, and he is the second of a family of seven children born to **Robert H. and Emily (Shaver) Stone**, the former a native of Summer County, Tenn., and the latter of Phillips (now Poinsett) County, Ark. **Robert H. Stone** came to the State of Arkansas when a young man of eighteen years (in 1839), and was the fourth county clerk, elected in 1846, holding the position nearly fourteen years. He was also sheriff of the county in 1845-46, and at the time of his death, in 1859, he was filling the position of county clerk. His estimable wife survived him until 1870, when she, too, passed to her long home. **T. A. Stone** was reared to farm life, and received a fair education in the schools of his native county. He was married here in 1868, to **Miss Mary Frances Goodwin**, a native of Alabama, and a daughter of **Peterson and Mary (Burt) Goodwin**, also of that State, who came to Arkansas in the year 1856, both being now residents of the county. After his marriage **Mr. Stone** purchased a farm of 120 acres in Scott Township, it being partly improved at the time, and now has about fifty acres under cultivation. He has taken quite an active part in the political affairs of the county, and always votes with the Democratic party, and was elected on that ticket in 1886, to the office of county clerk, his term expiring in 1888. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and he and wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Of an interesting family of four children born to them, two are now living: Albert Sidney and Minnie Lura.

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**Samuel G. Stone**, general merchant, Bay Village, Ark. In including, in this work, the sketches of prominent business men of Poinsett County, none are more deserving of recognition than that of **Samuel G. Stone**, who for a number of years has carried on an extensive mercantile establishment at Bay Village. He was born near Harrisburg, Ark., December 23, 1859, and is the son of **S. D. Stone**, a native of Middle Tennessee, and a successful agriculturist. He was married in his native State, to **Mrs. Matilda (Hall) Wilson**, also a native of Middle Tennessee, and they soon afterward moved to Arkansas, and settled in Poinsett County, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. **Mrs. Stone** had been married twice before; first, to **William Stanford**, by whom she had two children, Thomas and Lucinda, and then wedded **Berry Fentrel**, by whom she had one child, **Richmond Fentrel**. To her marriage with **Samuel D. Stone** were born two children: Robert A., a farmer, married, and residing near Harrisburg, and Samuel G., the subject of this sketch. The latter, like the ordinary country boy, received his education in the common schools, and started out in the world for himself at the age of eighteen. He began first by hauling logs and lumbering, which he continued for some time, and then was for a short time engaged in tilling the soil. In 1882, he met and married **Miss Ida L. Goodwin**, daughter of **Peterson and Mary A. (Bert) Goodwin**, natives of Virginia and North Carolina, respectively. **Mr. Goodwin** is one of the sturdy sons of toil, and is now residing in Poinsett County, Ark. To **Mr. and Mrs. Stone** were born the following children: William (died at the age of three months); Lulu M., Mary Belle and Ollie P. In 1884, **Mr. Stone** was elected constable, which position he held until 1886, when he was re-elected, and was also made marshal and deputy sheriff at the same time. In November, 1887, he engaged in merchandising at Bay Village, which he continued alone until February 1, 1888, when **J. H. Vandiver** bought an interest in the business, and they continued together until January 1, 1889. **Mr. Stone** then bought **Mr. Vandiver** out, and is now engaged alone in the business. He carries a general stock of goods, does a good business, and is in a prosperous condition. Aside from his store, he is

the owner of 320 acres of land, and has one farm of 120 acres, well improved, and fifty-five acres under cultivation. This farm lies three miles east of Harrisburg, and another farm of eighty acres lies four miles east of Harrisburg, the latter all woodland. Another tract of timber land, 160 acres in all, lies six miles east of Harrisburg, and another eighty-acre tract lies on the Bottom Belt road. In addition to this, **Mr. Stone** is the owner of six lots and one dwelling-house in Harrisburg. He has acquired all his property by his own industry, and deserves much credit for it. He and **Mrs. Stone** are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he is a liberal contributor, as well as to all other worthy and laudable enterprises.

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