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*Roystonea* commemorates an American soldier and engineer, General Roy Stone (1836-1905), who served in the American Civil War and in the 1898 Spanish-American War. He is especially remembered for his part in the American Civil War when he commanded a brigade in the Union Army during the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863. He led raw troops who, on the first day, contributed significantly to holding off the Federal opposition and were among the last men to withdraw. Stone himself was severely wounded. When the War was over he was at the forefront of a movement to improve the road system in the Country and in 1893 headed the Office of Road Inquiry.