

Biography of Individuals

Abbott, W.L.

- Served as Secretary of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1870.

Adams, John

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1864.

Ansley, T.S.

- Served as Secretary of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878

Arundell, Richard

- Served as Treasurer of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, then served as Secretary as 1863, 1865 and as Vice President in 1867, 1868.

Bainbridge, William (Mifflin.)

- Served as Vice President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1871
 - Minor, Miller and Farmer; P. O. Mifflin; was born in Durham Co., England, August, 1813. Come to America in 1832, and settled in Pennsylvania; was employed in the mines, and then came to Galena in the spring of 1834; worked in the mines, and remained at fertility teen 36, when he moved to New Diggings, La Fayette Co., Wis., and was there about 15 years; then moved to Iowa County, in the abandoned Mifflin mines, but, being an expert miner, and finding the mines good, he, in company with James and John Spensley, bought them, and they have proved a pain investment. he also owns the grist mill built by Joel Clayton in 1848, and buy him purchased in 1849. Owens town property and 920 acres of land, with a fine house. His wife, Mary Clayton, Derbyshire, England, July 15, 1820; came to America in 1839; they were married April 9, 1842, and they have eat children - John W.; Charles C.; now in Mifflin Mills; Thomas B., in the mines; George W., on the farm; William E., at the Normal School, Platteville, Wisconsin; Margaret, now, Ms. Harker, in Mifflin; Mary Ellen, now Ms. Johns, at Palmyra, Neb.; Elizabeth E. and, now Ms. Jones, in Cass County, Iowa. Is in politics, Republican; in religion, Primitive Methodist. is now trustees; has been on the town board, and was chairman five-year; was also on the County Board.(Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. pg.917)

Baker, John (Linden)

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1859.

Beech, Delos P. (Mineral Point.)

- Served as Secretary of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1879
- Delos is in the general office of the Mineral Point Railroad; is a son of Curtis and Sofia Beach; was born in mineral .October 22, 1840; he attends a school here; after reaching manhood, he was connected with the zinc Co. In 1876, he entered the office of the mineral point railroad, and, since then, has been connected with that company. In 1865, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth H. George, of Mineral Point; they have three children- Curtis, George and Algernon. (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. pg.849).

Bennett, W.H.

- Served as Secretary of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1896

Bennett, William J. (Mineral Point)

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1866.
- editor and publisher of the mineral *Tribune*, was born in Platteville, Grant County, Wisconsin, December 27, 1839; he attended school here, and, when 16 years of age, entered the office of mineral *Tribune*, where he learned this printing business, and worked at this trade here and at Madison; also served as messenger boy in the state legislator. during the war, he enlisted and served for three years in the eleventh W.V.I., and participated in all the battles of the regiment; after the war, In 1867, he established the Oscar Bell *Appeal* and conducted that paper to ear; and, in May, 1869, bought the *Tribune* and sense then has been its addict or an appropriator. He held the office of assistance, Collector of Internal Revenue. For years, and now holds the position of clerk in the land office at Madison. In 1867, Mr. Bennett was united In marriage to Miss L. C. Andrews, of Mineral Point; they have had six children, three of whom survive- Edgar, George, William. (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. pg.854)

Berry, Thomas (Mineral Point)

Bigelow, David (Clyde)

Billings, Hon. Henry M. (Highland, 1806- 1862)

- Served as President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861 and as Vice President 1851 for the first fair held in Dodgeville.
- Hon. H.M. Billings held the office of President up to 1862, when he was succeeded by L.W. Joiner (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg.580).
- "Henry M. Billings was born at Chaghticoke, N.Y., on the 18th day of May, 1806, and passed the earlier years of his life amid

home influences and home surroundings. Notwithstanding the difficulties attending the procurement of an ordinary education in those days, he succeeded in securing a partial collegiate and military experience. The fever of Western emigration, as in well known, became almost epidemic half a century ago, and Mr. Billings, joining in the tide that flowed hitherward in 1828, came to Galena and established his home in that flourishing settlement. He remained here but two years, however, when he went to Centerville, Wis., where he remained nearly twenty years, actively engaged in the discharge of his duties as a man and a citizen, and receiving numerous evidences of the appreciation in which he was held by his neighbors and friends. In 1838, he was elected a member of the Territorial Legislature of Wisconsin, which convened that year at Madison, and the discharge of his trust so commended him to his constituency that he was re-elected to the same position in 1839, 1840, and 1846. In the latter year, he was commissioned Colonel of Militia by Governor Dodge, and on March 5 of the same annual, he was united in marriage to Ann Broy. In 1848, he was elected State Senator from the fifth Senatorial District, and during the year following, became a resident of the town of Highland (now Eden) in Iowa County. In 1858, he was again elected to the General Assembly, and, in 1861, received the nomination of Lieutenant Governor of the Democratic ticket, but was defeated by Edward Salomon. He was the first President of the State Agricultural Society, a prominent member of the Masonic order, and identified with reforms and the correction of abuses without regard to the source whence the same originated. He was killed by a runaway team February 6, 1862.” (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. pg.619).

Blessing, C.G.

- Served as Secretary of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1859.

Bracken, John

- Served as Vice President of the Industrial Arts Union (Fair first held in Mineral Point) in 1859.

Briggs, M.J.

- Served as President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1879.

Brisbane, W.A. (Arena) (William H. Brisbane pg. 930 History 1881)

Buckingham, William

- Served as Vice President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1872, 1874, 1877

Cane, L.H.D.

- Served as Corresponding Secretary of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1856, 1857, 1858.

Carter, Richard

- Served as Treasurer of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1873 and 1874.

Clowney, John (Mineral Point.)

- Served as Vice President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1874 and 1875
- Builder; Is a native of New Jersey, and was born in the city of Trenton, on the old battle-ground. March 14, 1816; he was raised in the city of Philadelphia, and learned the trade of Carpenter and joiner. He came West to Galena, arriving there, April 15, 1838, and came to Mineral Point in February, 1839, and was one of the early settlers here and, and began working at the at his trade. in 1850, he went to California, remained four years, and returned in 1854. After the war broke out, he went into the service, and was commissioned major of the 30th W.V.I.; he served three years, and returned in October, 1865; sense that, he has been a gauged in business here. In September, 1848, major clown he was united in marriage to miss Jane Johnson, of Chautauqua, County, N.Y. ; they have one. Daughter, Catherine, now Mrs. Sheppard; they have lost two sons and one daughter; Frederick, Edward and Jennie. Major Clowney is a member of Mineral Point Lodge No. 1, A., F. & A.M, and has been connected with the Presbyterian Church since 1845. (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. pg.855-856)

Comfort, Isaac (Linden.)

- Served as Vice President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878. He also served as Vice President for the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1879 and 1880.
- Farmer, Sec. 1; P.O. Linden; Chemung Co., N.Y., April 6, 1823; went to Michigan and 18 33, near Detroit, farming with his brother; in 1851, to Iowa County, Wisconsin, and entered 40 acres; now owns 200 acres of land, and has made fine improvements, with fine house and barn. 36 x 60, 18 foot posts; has as fine a herd of short horns as there are in the state; he raised Poland China Hogs. His wife, Maria Martin, was born in New York in 1818; they were married in 1850; they have no children. In politics, Mr. Comfort is a Democrat. has been clerk of school district 6 years; member of the town Board three years; Chairman, one year, and commissioner of poor farm. Is a member of A,F.&A.M., Chapter and Commandery (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg.908).

Cox, GeorgeC.

- Served as Vice President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1881 and President in 1896.
- Son of Captain Charles H. Cox and is living in New York. (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. pg.856).

Crawford, Samuel

- Treasurer for the first Fair held in 1851 in Dodgeville.

Davis, J.J.

- Served as Vice President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1875 and 1876.

DeLong, Cornelius

- Served as Vice President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1873 and 1874

Dowd, Percy O. (Mineral Point)

- Served as one of the six Vice Presidents of the first Fair held in Dodgeville 1851.

Dunn, Charles (Mineral Point)

- Served as Vice President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1871
- Farmer, section 3; P. O. Mineral Points; owns 180 acres of land, valued at \$30 per acre; born in Cornwall, England, In 1830; came to America in 1845, and located in Mineral Point. in 1852, Mr. Don went to California, and, in 1854, sailed from San Francisco to Australia, where he married Miss Jane Hawkins; in 1862, he returned to his country, and settled on his present farm, where h
- His wife died in 1876. He was again united to Jane Martin, a native of England; they have two children; Frank and Lula M.(Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. pg.858)

Dunn, F.J. (Mineral Point)

- Served as one of the six vice presidents of the first fair held in 1851 in Dodgeville.

Dunstan, Henry (Wyoming)

- Served as Secretary of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1866 and 1867.

Earnest, J.H.

- Served as Vice President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1875

Eddy, Phillip

- Served as Treasurer of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1856

Ellwood, John (Dodgeville. Born: Not listed)

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1862,1863, 1864, 1865, 1866 and then served as President 1868, 1869,1870, 1871, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878. In 1878 John Ellwood was also serving as Vice President of the Southwest Industrial Union, which is the fair that was held in Mineral Point.
- “Ellwood Brothers: Dodgeville. John, Thomas, Isaac, and Joseph are all natives of Cumberland, England. They came to the United States in 1852, and worked as carpenters in Oswego Co. N.Y. The next removal was to Stephens Co. IL, where they planted a nursery, from which they made selections for the establishment of Iowa County Nursery. This was founded in 1855, at which time the four brothers settled on the 40 acres which they own in the south part of the village. Theirs is the only nursery in Iowa Co., and their stock of clean-looking and thrifty young apple trees is large and complete, embracing those varieties which twenty-five years of careful culture have proven adapted to our Wisconsin climate. Shade and ornamental trees are also grown, They have 600 bearing apple trees, their crop for 1880 was about 1,200 bushels, and 2,000 gallon of cider was made here, which the brothers will convert into vinegar. The vineyard and wine house, however, are a more interesting feature of the Ellwood plantation. The first grape roots were planed in 1865, and now about 15 acres are devoted to the culture of the Concord grape, although the Delaware, Hartford Profile, Rogers’ Hybrid No. 15, and others are grown to some extent. Ten tons of grapes was the crop for 1880, 1,200 gallons of wine having been made. The wine house, 18X60 feet, is provided with a cellar under its entire length, where the rows of huge casks bring to mind the stories told of the wine-cellars of feudal England and France. Thomas Ellwood is the wine-maker, and his books and apparatus are most expensive. He is an enthusiast on the subject, and his success is in proportion with his earnestness. About 5,000 gallons of old and new wine is now on hand. John Ellwood was for eight or ten eyars President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society, and was twice a member of the County Board.” (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. pg.887).

Gaylord, S.D.

- Served as Secretary of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1870and 1871.

Goldthorp, George

- Served as one of the six vice presidents of the first fair held in 1851 in Dodgeville.

Hahn, John I. (born in Dodgeville in 1872)

- “In 1902 John I. Hahn purchased the building (The Todd’s Store) and moved his cigar factory here form a location up town. Hahn, born in Dodgeville in 1872, learned the trade working in his father’s (J.A. Hahn) shop, located in Spang’s Opera House. At age 17, Hahn, a fully-fledged cigar maker, secured employment in Milwaukee, earning \$10-\$12 per week for piece work. After two years, he returned to Dodgeville and established his own cigar factory. One year later, he opened a small retail shop, and from that time on maintained both a wholesale and retail trade, often combined with a billiard hall. Hahn conducted a busy cigar factory, employing as many as 23 people at a time. His company produced 20 brands of cigars, including the “Dodger from Dodgeville” and the “Havana Story”. In later years, Han discontinued the manufacture of cigars and took up the wholesale distribution of tobacco, candy, gum, Etc. Throughout his lifetime, Hahn was involved in community enterprises. He was president of the Iowa County Agricultural Society when the fair brought the first street carnival to town. He was active in the Park Association, which built Centennial Park, and he was president of Kiwanis Club when it was organized in 1928.” (“Walking Tour of Historic Dodgeville, Wisconsin”. Dodgeville Historic Preservation Commission.

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- “(167 North Iowa St.) Originally operated as a saloon, then a general store, the building was purchased in 1917 by John I. Hahn, a successful cigar purveyor whose factory was located down the street. Hahn had operated a billiard hall in connection with his retail trade in cigars for a number of years, and remained at this location for 18 years. As the Dodgeville Chronicle reported in 1933:

“During all the years that Mr. Hahn has operated billiard parlors he has earned the name of conducting a clean business. He catered to the better class of people and his parlors were models of order and cleanliness.”

In 1935, Hahn leased the building for a Ben Franklin Store. (“Walking Tour of Historic Dodgeville, Wisconsin”. Dodgeville Historic Preservation Commission. Published August 1995. Feature #19).

Hallum, Joseph

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1874 and 1875

Hand, John

- Served as one of the six vice presidents of the first fair held in 1851 in Dodgeville.

Harker, S. (Mifflin?)

- Served as Vice President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1872

Hendy, Samuel

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1856, 1857, 1858.

Henry, George

- Served as Treasurer of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1870 and 1871

Henry, William (1784-1853) Mineral Point

- Served as President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1878
- Mr. William Henry was born in Colchester, Conn., April 10, 1784. He was a son of John Henry, a native of Ireland, and Nancy Gordon, a native of Connecticut. He received a common school education in the State of New York, and when quite young, began life as a clerk in a mercantile establishment. Upon the breakout of the war of 1812, he enlisted, and, on the 12th of March of that year, received his commission and Second Lieutenant of Artillery in the Army of the United States. At the close of the war he resigned his commissions, and shortly after started for the West. He left Cherry Valley, New York, in October, 1817, and located at Vincennes, Indiana, where he remained about two years, engaging in the mercantile business. In 1819, he left Vincennes and it went to St. Genevieve, Missouri where he remained until early 1821, when he removed to St. Louis, and, in February of that year, purchased a steam sawmill. Here he did a good business until the mill was burned in the winter of 1823. In 1822, Mr. Henry returned to New York and married Miss Rachel McQuigg, at Oswego, in that state, bringing his bride to St. Louis. In the spring of 1824, he, with his wife and son, William C. Henry, then one year old, started for the lead region. Arriving in Galena, Illinois, early in May. Here he engaged in mercantile and lead smelting business with M.C. Comstock, then a prominent citizen of Galena. After retiring from this business a short time after, he was employed as clerk in the Office of Thomas C. Legate, Superintendent of the United States Lead Mines, and was subsequently under Lieutenant Martin Thomas in the same capacity. At the breakout of the Winnebago war in 1827, there being no courts of justice, nor military forces, it became necessary for people to organize for personal protection. Forthwith a meeting of the citizens of Galena was held and a committee of safety appointed, of which Captain Henry was chosen chairman. He gave his whole time graciously from the Fourth of July, 1827, until October 30, often making trips to Prairie du Chien and Fort Winnebago, now Portage city. In 1832, at the beginning of the Black Hawk war, he was appointed Sutler to the forces under General Scott, continuing in this capacity through the war, and afterward with the Rangers, who patrolled the Indian country until 1833. In the fall of this year, he located at Dodgeville and opened a small store; and August 27, 1834, he was appointed the first Postmaster of the village. In the fall of 1833, he fitted out Isaac Tower with a stock of goods, and sent him from Galena to Lake Koshkonong with four four-horse teams to trade with the Indians. This proved a most successful venture, as in the spring the expedition returned laden with valuable furs, which, being sold in New York City, brought the magnificent sum of \$10,000. In October, 1834, Mr. Henry removed to Mineral Point and opened a large stock of goods in a building, located near Jerusalem Spring, and August 9, 1836, he was appointed Postmaster of Mineral Point, serving in this capacity until 1841, when he was succeeded by I T Lathrop. He retired from the mercantile business in 1837, and for many years served his numerous friends, as Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Register of Deeds, etc. He died at Mineral Point February 12, 1853. He left for sons- William T. Henry (lawyer and banker, Mineral Point), Francis Henry (now judge of probate, Olympia, W. T.), Rufus W. (died at Olympia in May, 1870, 40 yrs. Old), George Henry (now at Oakwood, D. T.). Captain Henry was personally known to almost everyone in Iowa County, and it may be safely said no man had more friends or fewer enemies than he. There was something in his nature that attracted men and women to him with an irresistible force, and bound them to him in friendship, as with bands of steel. He was a man of great perseverance, genial, whole soled, hospitable, generous to a fault, and kind to the last degree. (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg.623-624)

Hickcox, Clark (Wyoming? Ridgeway?)

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1874, 1875, 1876, 1878, 1879, 1880

Hope, Charles

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1868.

Hoskins, J. J. (Dodgeville. Born June 15, 1849)

- Served as Treasurer of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1879 and 1880 and Secretary in 1878
- Attorney at law; is a son of John Hoskins, who was a son of James Hoskins and one of a family of thirteen; of these seven sons have been residents of Dodgeville, viz: James, John, Samuel, Peter, Thomas, Josiah, and William; second, John Hoskins, born in Cornwall, England, married Elizabeth Hoskins, of Cornwall, and at his death, in 1851, left an only son, the subject of this sketch, born June 15, 1849, in Dodgeville; he attended the village schools, graduated in 1874 from Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisc. Entered the Albany, N.Y., Law school, graduated in the spring of 1875, and has since practiced in his native village. He is an ardent republican, and Chairman of the Republican County Committee, and now represents the village in the County Board; is a Freemason; up to 1869, he was one of the firm of Hoskins, Thomas & Co. and since the union of the two old mining and smelting firms of Hoskins, Thomas & Co. and Bennett, George & Co. has retained his interest. (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. pg.889).

Hoskins, Samuel

- Served as Treasurer of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879 (?) 1880 (?) (It is unclear if it was Samuel or his son James Hoskins in 1879 & 1880)

James, John (Waldwick)

Johnson, Edwin

- Served as Vice President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1879

Johnson, J.B.

- Served as Vice President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1872 and 1873.

Joiner, S.W. (may be the same as L.W Joiner, some of the documents don't have the same information)

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1869.

Joiner, L.W. (Wyoming)

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1859, 1860, 1861, 1871 and served as President in 1862 and 1863.

Jones, Hugh W. (Dodgeville. Born: Feb. 26, 1838)

- Served as Secretary of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1869.
- Merchant, Dodgeville; was born in Anglesea, North Wales, Feb. 26, 1838; his early life was spent on a farm and at school; in 1853, he came to America and settled at Waterville, N.Y.; hired out at \$6 per month as a farm hand, and also worked one summer in a saw-mill near Trenton Falls, N.Y., where he also attended a winter school; in the fall of 1855, he came West and began in Oshkosh, Wis., as a carpenter, then as a clerk and employee in the saw-mills until his coming to Dodgeville in 1857; here he clerked for Hoskins, Thomas & Co. until the firm of Jones & Owens was established in 1863; up to May, 1871, they dealt in produce only, then went into Morris building with a stock of merchandise, the United States Centennial was celebrated by them in the building of the handsome brick block which bears their name; they occupy both the lower and part of the upper floors with the largest stock of goods in the village. He cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, in 1860; has for several years served as member of the Village Board. Mr. Jones married, October 23, 1871, in Dodgeville, Miss Mary E. Owens, of Llandudno, North Wales; they have eight children -Willie C., Winnie May, Jennie, Mary Ellen, Maria, Robbie, Arthur R. and an infant unnamed, all born in Dodgeville." (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. pg.891).

Jones, T.M.

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1877, 1878, 1879

Kirkpatrick, J.C. (Mifflin.)

- Served as Vice President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1875, 1876, 1877

Lanyon, William Jr.

- Served as Vice President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1877.

Lanyon, William Sr. (Mineral Point.)

- Served as Vice President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1876.
- is a native of Cornwall, England, and was born November 8, 1810; he grew to manhood and was engaged in business there for 10 years, and transacted a large trade; he immigrated to the United States in April, 1840, and the following months he came to Wisconsin, and located in mineral point, and began working at the blacksmith and machinists trade; he afterward engaged in the hardware, stove and tinware business, and carried on the business for some years, and established a very large trade. in 1849, he established his foundry and machine shops, and carried on the business until 1875, when he gave up the active management of the business to his sons. Mr. Lanyon has lived here, over 40 years, and for 35 years has been successfully engaged in business life. He has held the offices of City Alderman and City Assessor. When he began life he had nothing, and his success is owing to his own efforts and industry. Mr. Lanyon was united in marriage, April 21, 1833, to Miss Mary Bennett, a native of Cornwall, England; they have had 14 children, nine of home survive; William Cyrus, Josiah, John, Simon A., Albert, Samuel, Robert H. and Edwin V. (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. 865).

Lees, John

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1872.

Leffingwell, H.L.

- President of the First Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1851, Fair was held in Dodgeville in the lawn of the City Hall.

Little, Francis (Mineral Point)

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1863 and Vice President of Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1879.

McFarland, David (Highland)

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1863 and 1864.

McFarland, J. (Highland ?)**McWilliam, J.**

- Served as Vice President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1873

Meigs, G.C.

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1862.

Messersmith, George

- Served as Recording secretary of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1856.

Messersmith, John (1788-1855)

- Lived at the time of his death in Messer Grove, Iowa Count. he died at his residence on the first day of October, he teamed 55, in the at the age of the 67. he was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, one of the frontier countries of the state, in the year 1788. Mr. Smith may thus be said to have been a pioneer from his very birth. He eventually married and removed to Ohio where he remained until he came to Wisconsin, in 1827, and located at Mineral Point. Here he built himself a house, and for several years was engaged in mining, then the principal pursuant of the inhabitants of the territory. He was not intended for a minor, however, and as soon as circumstances would permit, been bred a farmer, he selected a beautiful farm in one of the rich valleys of Iowa County, and from that time buised himself principally in the cultivation of the fertile soil. But Messersmith, as well as all the settlers on the frontier at that early period, suffered much from the Indian wars, and tell the defeat and capture of Black Hawk in the year 1832. Much improvement, therefore, in the cultivation of the soil or the raising of farm stock was rendered almost impossible, nevertheless the Messersmith Farm steadily and improved, and is today one of the finest homesteads in Iowa County. during the Black Hawk war, he and his son fought with bravery. He was a practical farmer, and having a good English education, and been possessed of sound judgment, he became a most useful citizen, and for many years was called upon to serve his fellow citizens in the various capacities of civil magistrate and dispenser of justice, as well as the official superintendent of the financial affairs of the county. The death of so popular a citizen was deeply mourned by his many friends and relatives. He raised a large family of children, and had the pleasure of seeing his sons fill responsible positions among his fellow man. In every position, public or private, his career has been without stain or reproach; he is honesty and integrity ever being far above either calumny or suspicion, his record in all senses, having been honorable, useful, and worthy of commemoration as an example to the future. (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. 624-625).

Meigs, G.C.**Morell, Joseph****Nelson, Chris**

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1869.

Patterson, Asa (Pulaski)**Prideaux, William** (Dodgeville, 1837-?)

- Served as Secretary of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1879 and 1880.
- Smelter, Dodgeville; is a son of Captain Henry Prideaux, and was born May 11, 1837, in Camborne, Cornwall, England. the family came to America and to Iowa County in 1838, Captain Prideaux engaging in the mining and liquor business sense, with the exception of four years spent in California. In 1862, he again went west, and remained until 1865, in the minds of Colorado, Montana, Idaho and California. During the past six years, he has been street commissioner of the village. His son, our subject, attended the noted old Pioneer school taught by "Papa" Jenkins, and, when grown to manhood, went to the Montana gold Hills, spent three years, and returned In 1866. Prior to this, or when 18, he taught to terms of school, and kept a small confectionery store several years; he also spent several years at teaming; began work for Hendy, Mundy & Co. in 1867, and for the past 10 years has smelted for this firm, and when not engaged at this has taken contracts for digging sellers. Etc.; is a Republican, and served a term of Town Clerk, by appointment; is now serving his third term as Secretary of the Iowa County Agricultural Society; married Elizabeth Coren, a native of Camborne, botn May 19, 1841; married August 19, 1858. They have eight children- Amelia (Mrs. L. Ryall), Henry L., Willie F., Flora J., Celia C., Lizzie I., Francis J. and Sarah E.; all bore in Dodgeville. (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. 896).

Priestly, Thomas (Mineral Point, 1836-?)

- Served as Treasurer of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879
- Manufacturer and dealer in harness; is a son of George and Ellen. W. Priestley, and was born in Leeds, England, January 29,

1836; his pants came to Wisconsin and settled in Mineral Point In 1838, and were among the earliest settlers here; Thomas grew up to manhood and learned his business here; in 1860, he went to the mountains and returned the following year. After the war broke out, he enlisted in Company E., 11th W.V.I.; he was promoted and commissioned Captain of Company B, 30th W.V.I.; he remained in service until September 20, 1865. Since the war he has been in teach In his present business. Mr. Priestley was elected Superintendent of Schools of the city, and held that office six years; he held the office of Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue for Iowa County. In 1868, he received a nomination for the State Legislature on the Democratic ticket, and came within 47 votes of being elected in his district which has a Republican majority of 500. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and is a member of the Blue Lodge, chapter and commentary; he is also a member of the I.O.O.F. Mr. Priestley was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Jane Tyack a native of Mineral Point, January 30, 1867; they have three children- Mamie W., Harry T., and Thomas M. (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. pg.870).

Pryor, James (John?) Thomas (Dodgeville)

- Served as Secretary of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1871, 1872, 1875

Pryor, James Thomas Jr. (Dodgeville)

- Served as Secretary of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1876 and 1877.

Pulford, R. De Los. (Mineral Point. 1822-?)

- Served as Vice President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1875, 1878 and 1879. He served as President in 1880.
- Druggist; is a native of Onondaga Co., New York, and was born December 13, 1822. In 1839, he came West with his parents, locating at Michigan City, Indiana; during the same year, R. De Los immigrated to Mineral Point for his health, and remained here until the fall of 1840, when he returned to Michigan city. In 1843, he came West again with his parents, and took up his permanent abode in Mineral Point. He opened a drugstore opposite his present place of business, and has continued in the drug business sense of that, a period of 37 years, and is the oldest merchant without change of firm name in the state. Mr. Pulford's father was a practicing physician, and was recognized as the most eminent in the Northwest. In 1852, De Los was united in marriage to Emerilla Hobart, of Onondaga Co., New York. Mr. Pulford is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is one of the most prominent as well as the oldest living member of the Grand Body of the state. He was initiated in Mineral Point Lodge, No. 1, and has been an exalted member of the Grand Body since 1848. He was initiated in 1846; was exulted December 17, 1848, Milwaukee chapter, No. 1, and was Knighted June 27, 1851, Wisconsin Encampment, No. 1; in June, 1873, he was elected Grand Master of the state; he was Deputy Grand Master at an early day, and held various other offices in the Grand Lodge. Mr. Pulford is now a consistent, conscientious and enthusiastic member of the fraternity.(Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. pg.871).

Ralph, John

- Served as Secretary of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1873 and 1874.

Reese, Samuel (1830-1902)

- Served as Secretary of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1862 and President in 1871.
- "A Dodgeville lawyer and banker, immigrated to the United States as a child. In 1852 he settled in the rapidly growing community of Dodgeville. After working in a general store for four years, he opened his own store, an enterprise which he managed for one year and then sold in order to take up the study of law. In 1871 he established the Dodgeville Bank, the first financial institution in the community. Reese was active in the Republican Party, and served as county board chairman, mayor of Dodgeville and Iowa County District Attorney." ("Walking Tour of Historic Dodgeville, Wisconsin". Dodgeville Historic Preservation Commission. Published August 1995. Featured as #8)
- "The First National Bank originated in 1871 as the Dodgeville Bank, the first financial institution in Dodgeville. The founder of the bank, Samuel Reese, began business from the upper floor of Morris Hall (see No. 24). In 1895 operations moved to the magnificent Reese Building at 166 North Iowa Street (3rd building from the right in the above photo) . John Reese succeeded his father and in 1919 built the dignified Neoclassical structure locate at 178 North Iowa Street. He reorganized the business as the First National Bank of Dodgeville. The smooth stone walls, symmetrical window placement, and simple details define a well-executed composition, with the columns at the entryway lending monumental proportions to the façade". ("Walking Tour of Historic Dodgeville, Wisconsin". Dodgeville Historic Preservation Commission. Published August 1995. Featured as # 20).
- "Attorney and counselor at law, Dodgeville; is one of the solid men of Iowa Co.; born Nov. 29,1829, in Montgomeryshire, North Wales; attended the common schools there, and later the select schools of Shorpshire, England. In 1845, he cam to the land of the free, locating in Cincinnati, Ohio; came to Dodgeville in 1852, and was employed as clerk by that veteran merchant, B.F. Thomas. In 1856, he began the study of law, and was admitted to the bar two years later; has continued in active practice since. In 1871, he opened the first bank in Dodgeville, which proved a most successful business venture. No more firm advocate of Republican principles can be found in the State than Samuel W. Reese. His first vote was cast for Gen. Scott, and he has been a stalwart Republican since the organization of the party; has been Chairman of the town and President

of the village several years, and was elected District Attorney in 1876. He married Miss Alice N. Ennor, by whom he has four children- Emma, William, Eddie and John, all born in Dodgeville.” (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. pg.897).

Rewey, J.W. (Rewey.)

- Served as Vice President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1879 and 1880.

Roberts, Joseph (Ridgeway)

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1860.

Ross, James R. (Mineral Point)

- Served as Vice President of the Industrial Art Union in 1859.

Rowe, William (Dodgeville: Born July 15, 1826)

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874
- Secs. 10, 19 and 18; P.O. Dodgeville; born July 15, 1826, in Camborne, Cornwall, England; his father, John Rowe, died in England and in 1845, his mother, Jane (Vincent) Rowe, brought her family of six children to America, and located in Dodgeville, where William M. began mining. His mother died in the fall of 1847. He married July 29, 1851, Miss Jemima, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Webster; she was born Aug. 12, 1833, in Camborne, her mother died in England and in 1835 or 1836, her father brought his family to America and Iowa Co.; in 1852, Mr. Rowe went to California, returned in 1855, and the same fall bought 160 acres of his present farm; it was in a state of nature, and while he made the first improvements, he lived on a rented farm near at hand; from 1863 to 1866, he was in the gold mines of the far west. Mr. Rowe now has 240 acres in the homestead, and owns 460 acres in all. He is a member, with his family, of the P.M. Church, and a Republican in politics. Mr. Webster was friend of Hon Hoskins, and their rude cabin in Dodgeville was the favorite resort of the frontier clergymen, and took the name of the “Methodist Tavern”. Mr Webster went with Mr. Rowe to California in 1852, and died in town of Dodgeville in January, 1861.(Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. pg. 900).

Ruggles, William P.

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1865.

Savage, O.F. (Wyoming)

Slye, J.A.

- Served as Secretary in 1864 and Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1867.

Smith, Gen. William Rudolph (1778-1868)

- (Secretary of the first fair held in 1851) his name doesn't come up in any documentation related to the fair since the 1851 Fair. This may be due to his extensive involvement in Wisconsin's legislation and documenting Wisconsin's History.
- William Rudolf Smith, the eldest son of William Moore Smith, was born at LaTrappe, in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania on August 31, 1778. Traveled extensively throughout England with his father and socialized with many affluent people of the time. He became a lawyer and was admitted to the bar in Philadelphia in 1808. On March 17, 1809 he married Eliza Anthony. For the next eleven years he built a reputation as one of the profoundest lawyers in the State. “In January, 1820, Gen. Smith lost his wife, her death occurring suddenly, after a brief illness of a few hours only. Three years later he married again, his second wife being Mary Hamilton Van Dyke.” (pg. 610) “He devoted a large portion of his time to the study of field tactics, and was energetic and active in the organization and drilling of the Pennsylvania Militia, in which he served in various grades up to the rank of Major General.” (pg.610). In 1838 Gen. William Smith moved his family to Mineral Point, Wisconsin due to his association through military events with Governor Dodge. “In 1839, he was appointed Adjutant General of the Territory of Wisconsin, by Gov. Dodge, which office was held under successive administrations for about twelve years. He also received from Gov. Dodge the civil appointment of District Attorney of Iowa County, retaining this office also for many years....He was elected Secretary to the Legislative Council of Wisconsin, and in 1846, was elected delegate to the convention to form a constitution for the State of Wisconsin.” (pg. 611) (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN.)him in a

Spensley, Harker (Mineral Point, 1813-1876)

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1870.
- He was a native of York Shire, England, and was born in 1813; he immigrated to America in 1848; came to Dubuque the following year; then to Wisconsin, and located at Shullsburg, Lafayette County, and engaged in mining and smelting; in 1856, he came to Mineral Point, where he carried on the smelting business until a few years before his death, when he gave the entire management of his business to his son, who still continues the business. He married Miss Ruth Spensley, born a York Shire, England; she died In 1877; Mr. Spensley died in 1876; leaving two son's - John and Calvert. (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. pg 873).

Standandt (or Standerdt), George

- Served as President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1866.

Stephens, Col. Thomas (1815- 1871)

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1860 and as a Vice President to the Industrial Arts Union

in Mineral Point in 1859.

- Sold 20 acres of his land to the Iowa County Agricultural Society for them to have a fairgrounds starting in 1859. Col. Thomas Stephens held the office of Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1860. In 1861 he volunteered to as Lieutenant Colonel of the Second Wisconsin Cavalry and fought in the Civil War where he became ill and never fully recovered (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg.618).
- Col. Thomas Stephens was born in Tavistock, Devonshire, England on May 3, 1815. Served in the Royal Life Guards at Windsor Castle for three years and was known throughout the United Kingdom for his ability as a swordsman. "Col. Stephens was a man of noble stature, six feet two inches in height, of muscular and well knit frame, and could wield his weapons with equal facility either with the right or left hand..." (pg.618). In 1840 he moved to Pottsville Pennsylvania where he taught swordsmen. On August 5, 1847 he married Miss Jane W. Hagerman and moved to Dodgeville permanently in 1851. "In 1857, he was appointed Inspector General of the Wisconsin State Militia and afterward he embarked in the real estate and loan business" (pg.618). (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN.)
- "The Western Hotel was built in 1849 by Thomas Stephens, a miner, soldier, and prominent Dodgeville businessman. Born in Devonshire, England, Stephens distinguished himself as an expert swordsman in the Queen's Life Guards, then famed as the finest body of troops in the British army. Stephens emigrated to America in 1845 and worked in the copper mines along Lake Superior. When Stephens married in 1847, he settled in Dodgeville and went into the real estate and loan business. At the outbreak of the Civil War, Stephens recruited and organized the 2nd Wisconsin Cavalry, serving as lieutenant-colonel, and saw considerable action. He returned home from the war in poor health and died in 1871 at age of 56. ("Walking Tour of Historic Dodgeville, Wisconsin". Dodgeville Historic Preservation Commission. Published August 1995. Feature # 34)

Sterling, Hon. Levi (1804-1868) Mineral Point

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1851, 1875, 1858.
- Hon. Levi Sterling was born in Woodford County, Kentucky, January 2, 1804. He came to Galena in March, 1828, and in May following located in the neighborhood of Mineral Point, he was, in 1830, appointed Deputy Clerk of the United States District Court, and County Court of Iowa County; and during the Indian war of 1832, served as a Lieutenant in Captain Francis Gehon's company, under Colonel Dodge. In 1833, he was appointed by Governor Porter, of Michigan Territory, Sheriff of Iowa County, and at the same time discharged the duties of Marshal of the United States District Court for the counties of Crawford and Iowa, the district of country then embracing the whole of the present limits of Wisconsin, and excepting the old County of Brown. In 1834, he enumerated the inhabitants of his district, which then contained 3433, Crawford County, having 810, and Iowa 2633, while Brown contained 1957, making but 5400 white inhabitants in that part of Michigan territory now comprising Wisconsin. In 1836, Mr. Sterling resigned the Sheriffalty, and was the same year elected Sergeant at arms of the Legislative Council of Michigan Territory, which met at Green Bay in January; and when, this same year, Wisconsin here at Territory was organized, he was appointed auctioneer of Iowa County. He was elected Transcribing Clerk of the Wisconsin Territorial Legislature, at the session held at Burlington in June, 1838, and was the same year pointed one of the commissioners to relocate the half breed Indian land, reserved by the Winnebagoes under the Treaty of 1829. He was also, in 1838, chosen a member of the Legislative Council from the County of Iowa for the term of four years. He took his seat at the first session held in Madison in November of that year. He served in the Council five sessions, including two extra sessions, and resigned in 1841. He was in the last year appointed by the president, Receiver of Public Moneys of the Mineral Point Land District. He was elected Sheriff of Iowa County in 1846, and reelected to the same office in 1848. In 1850- 1851, he served a term in the State Senate; in 1851, he was appointed a Deputy Surveyor of the United States Lands by the Surveyor General of Iowa and Wisconsin; and in 1852, he was again chosen for a term of two years in the State Senate. He was again elected sheriff of Iowa County in 1854; and, in 1857, he was appointed by Governor Bashford a Commissioner, in conjunction with ex-Governor L.J. Farwell and Honorary John P. McGregor, for the location and erection of the Wisconsin State Hospital for the Insane. Colonel Sterling served credibly in the late war. This long list of public services at tests. The worth and popularity of the man, whose ambition, with his natural modesty, probity and industry, seems to have been directed to serving faithfully those who confided important trusts to him; and to have done this for so long a series of years, is in itself high praise, and must carry with it ample satisfaction. Colonel Sterling died October 16, 1868, leaving three daughters and one son. (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg.623).

Strong, Leuman Master (L.M.) (Judge) (Highland) (1803-1867)

- Served as Secretary of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1860, 1861 and was vice president in 1865 and 1866.
- Leuman Masten Strong was born in Orange County, Vermont, October 24, 1803. He was left an orphan in infancy, and taken in charge by a childless old couple. In the neighborhood, with whom he lived until his marriage to Miss Nancy Griswold, on March 7, 1824. By this marriage he had seven children, five over whom are still living-one daughter residing in a Quincy, Illinois, and one daughter and three sons in the State of Iowa. Mr. Strong removed to Ohio, shortly after his marriage, where

most of his children were born, and where he lost his wife, who died on March 25, 1835. Mr. Strong subsequently moved to Iowa, and was one of the pioneers of Linn County, he wrecked in the first hosts with the present beautiful village of Marion now stands. He was married to May as Mary Gabbert, on October 30 in 1837, by whom he had three children, two of whom died in infancy, and the third, Mr. Orville Strong, is now engaged in banking business at Dodgeville. Mr. Strong was for many years, a Justice of the Peace and County Commissioner of Linn County. In 1848, he became attracted to the lead minor region and located at Highland, this county, settling near the old Corwith Furnace. For several years, he engaged in farming and teaming between Highland and Galena. He filled the position of Justice of the Peace, Town Clerk and Postmaster of Highland for several years and represented the Northern District of the county in the Legislature of 1852. About this time, he was admitted to the bar, and continued in the practice of the law during the remainder of his life. In 1854, he was elected county judge, and reelected in 1857, hold office eight years. He was again chosen County Judge In 1865, which office he held at the time of his death, which occurred on December 4, 1867, at the age of 65. Judge Strong was preeminently a self-made man, arriving at such a measure of success as he achieved in life through his own energy and worth of character. A good type of the early pioneer of the West, a warmhearted friend, a liberal citizen and a thoroughly honest man. Was a Democrat, and leading politician. (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg.625-626).

Strong, Orville (Dodgeville. Born: March 25, 1843)

- Served as Secretary of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1868 and 1869.
- “Banker, Dodgeville; is a son of L.M. Strong, one of the first settlers of Marion, Lynn Co., Iowa, where Orville Strong was born March 25, 1843; in 1848, the family removed to Highland, Iowa Co., WI. L.M. Strong was elected to the Wisconsin Legislature, was Postmaster of the village, and having, through his own unaided studies secured an admission to the bar, was three times elected County Judge; while serving the third term he died, Dec. 1867. His son, our subject, was educated under the tuition of Prof. Pickford, of Platteville Academy. Enlisted in August, 1862, as a private in Co. C, 31st W.V.I.; was afterward promoted to Sergeant Major and Lieutenant of Co. K, same regiment, under Sherman, he fought through to Atlanta and made the march to the sea and through the Carolinas. Since the close of he Civil War, he has resided in Dodgeville. Was elected Town Clerk in 1868, which position he held until Jan. 1, 1881, and held the office six years; was appointed to the office of Deputy County Treasurer in 1878. He is a Democrat, a Mason, and belongs to the A.O.U.W. During the past fourteen years, he has done a most successful business in real estate, loans and insurance, on Jan. 8, 1881, he established a bank in Dodgeville under the firm name Orville Strong & Co. Mr. Strong married Miss Louise, daughter of George Simms; she died in April 1874, leaving three children- George L. Luman M., and an infant that soon followed the mother; by the present wife (Miss Minnie Carkeek) he ahs two children - Mary L. and Throop M.” (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. pg.901-902).

Sylvester, Caleb (Mifflin)

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1857.

Terry, General John (1796-1874) Mineral Point

- Served as President of the Industrial Arts Union (Fair held in Mineral Point) in 1859 and Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society (fair held in Dodgeville) in 1862.
- One of the most highly esteemed as citizens of Iowa County and a man universally respected for his unswerving integrity, died at his residence in the city of Mineral Point on Sunday morning, January 11, 1874. He was born at Cocksackie, New York, January 18, 1796, and was consequently within one week of his 78th birthday. In he is a youth he was apprenticed to the hardware business, at Troy, New York, in which he subsequently engaged at St. Charles, Missouri, hence he moved to Sangamon, Illinois, and hence to the lead mines in 1829, where he became a merchant and smelter. He girl he identified himself with territorial interests, and was a member of the first legislature, which convened at Belmont. During though war with the Blackhawk, he revived his recollections of active service experienced in the war of 1812, receiving a captain’s commission for meritorious services in former contests, and later appointed Brigadier General of the State Militia by Governor Dodge. His subsequent career was amid the bustle of trade and business, and in every department of life with which he was Identified he honored and sustained. His home, from its first establishments in the wilderness, was a haven of rest for the footsore and weary; no one ever left his door needy, and no good work lacked for his sympathy and assistance. As an upright, generous hearted man, he was known the state over, and in his death Wisconsin, of which he may need justly regarded as prominent among the early defenders and law givers, sustained a loss not easily repaired. (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg.620-621)

Theobald, F. (Ridgeway)

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1880

Toay, James (Mineral Point)

- James Toay was President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1864 & 1865 and Vice President during 1870, 1871, 1872, 1876, 1878. So he was simultaneously an officer in both fairs in 1870, 1871 & 1872. In 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873 he was the President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union and then he was solely an officer of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1876 & 1878. In 1880, he went back once again to the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union as a

Vice President. (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. 580 & 706)

Tramel, John P.

- Served as Secretary of the Industrial Arts Union in 1859.

Tregoning, J.

- Served as Vice President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1881

VanMetre, John J.

- Served as Vice President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1871, 1873 and 1874

Van Metre, N.K.

- Served as Vice President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1878, 1879 and 1880

Vivian, John H. (Mineral Point. 1825-?)

- Served as President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1874, 1876, 1877, 1879 and Vice President in 1881.
- Advertisement found in the Mineral Point Room in a file marked, "Antique Business Cards Mineral Point Merchants", 1891 advertisement reads: "Compliments of J.H. Vivian, M.D., Dealer in all kinds of Drugs, Medicines, &c, also Eoschee's German Syrup and Green's August Flower always on hand. Mineral Point, Wis."
- Physician and surgeon; is a native of Cornwall, England, and was born July 27, 1825; he received his education there and studied medicine; after reaching manhood, he came to the United States, in 1847, and came to Wisconsin and located the same year at Mineral Point, and engaged in the practice of medicine. He has practiced his profession in Mineral Point for a period of one third of the century- eight greater length of time than any other physician here. During the war, Dr. Vivian was appointed surgeon of the board of enrollments of the Third Congressional District, and was afterward commissioned Surgeon of the 50th W.V.I; he has held the office of Mayor of the city, and has served several times as a member of the County Board; he was twice elected a member of the State Legislature, and is now a member of the state board of charities; he is a member of Iowa Lodge No. 1, I.O.O.F., the oldest lodge in the northwest. Dr. Vivian has been twice married; his first wife was as Elizabeth Stansmore, a native of England, whom he married in 1849. His present wife was Miss Amelia Stansmore, a native of England; they have five children- Amy, Stansmore, Fred, Alfred and Ellen. (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. pg. 878).

Wade, Richard

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1875.

Watkins, C.C.

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1876.

Watkin, Watkins (Dodgeville)

Weathersby, G.C.

- Served as Vice President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1876.

Whitman, Joel

- Served as President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1873 and 1874

William, Joel

- Served as President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1880.

Wilson, Robert

- Served as Vice President of the Iowa County Agricultural Society in 1867 and 1868

Wright, Owen

- Served as Vice President of the Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Union in 1878.

Writtlesey, L.H.

- Served as Treasurer of the Industrial Arts Union in 1859.