

should never make a great lawyer, and my ambition protesting against a second or third rate position, I abandoned the law as I then supposed, forever, and sought and obtained a situation as a merchant's clerk.

The merchant who employed me, became the sutler to the Light Artillery Regiment then commanded by Col. Wm. Fenwick, and formed a part of Gen. Izard's army. This force commenced its march from Plattsburgh to the West, in August, 1814; and my employer having some business to transact in Plattsburgh, before his departure, sent me on to attend to the suttling business, and I continued with the regiment until the campaign on the Niagara was over, and the troops retired into winter-quarters near Buffalo. In November my employer arrived, and taking offense at some of his acts, I demanded a settlement, and left him. I then engaged myself to a man named Fuller, sutler for Maj. Ball's two companies of dragoons, then cantoned near Avon, N. Y., on the Genesee River, where I remained doing little or nothing during the winter, as the dragoons, for some reason, were not paid off.

In April, 1815, I received a letter from the late Lewis Rouse* of Green Bay, a townsman of mine, dated at Buffalo, stating that he had obtained the suttling of the Consolidated Rifle Regiment, and desired my assistance. Having no need of my services, I left Mr. Fuller, and repaired to Buffalo, and the stage which conveyed me carried flying colors announcing the news of peace.

Those of the troops enlisted for the war, were now discharged, and those enlisted for five years retained; of the latter was the Rifle Regiment, then understood to have been ordered to Detroit. As I had conducted Mr. Rouse's business principally, he wished

*Judge Rouse was a native of Rouse's Point, on Lake Champlain, and settled at Green Bay about 1824. He was Judge of the North-west Judicial District while Wisconsin yet formed a part of Michigan Territory. He was a man of prominence in his day, and possessed many kind and gentlemanly qualities. He died suddenly at his residence, in Manitowoc, April 19th, 1855, at the age of 63 years. His sudden death was probably caused by apoplexy, as he was of plethoric habit, and weighed over three hundred pounds.