

almost fifty years a Western pioneer, and during this time have served my country to the best of my ability. I have run many a narrow chance of my life in defence of the exposed frontier settlers. Commencing forty years ago, I have been a pioneer in the commerce, navigation, milling, lumbering, and lead trade of Wisconsin; and, in every situation in life, I have aimed to prove myself honest, patriotic, enterprising and useful—these reflections are a comfort and consolation to me in my old age.