

world were ever attained, it must be by his own industry and application, he spared no pains in acquiring all useful knowledge for his profession. His address was of the most pleasing and popular character. At the bar, to the court and jury, as well as in his social intercourse, he was courteous and affable, and seldom gave offense to his opponents. One strong and prominent trait of his character, was the sympathy of his nature. He so fully entered into the feelings and wishes of his clients, that even in doubtful cases, he felt that he was right; yet his courtesy never allowed him, in arguing a case, to affirm things to be true, of which he had no knowledge. That which rested on opinion, he gave as opinion; and after stating his reasons for so thinking, left it to the court or jury, whichever he was addressing, to decide from their own convictions of right.

In his pecuniary matters, he was industrious in accumulating, and economical in all his habits. He had an eye to competent retirement; and to this end, selected one of the most lovely spots on the Military Road from Prairie du Chien to Fort Winnebago, now Portage City, it being on a high ridge, where timber and prairie lands were in close connection. And having a taste for agriculture and horticulture, he devoted his leisure time to their superintendence. He built a double log cabin in which to live, till his means would allow him to build a better; and at the time of his death, had his drafts made, and was about to close his contracts for the erection of a spacious stone mansion; but this was not accomplished. His orchard, garden, and lawns, were arranged with great taste and beauty. The trees and shrubs were pruned with care; his stocks of cattle and horses were of the improved breeds of the day; and the newest and best agricultural implements were in use on his farm.

Like too many, his worldly cares and aspirations had engrossed the most of his attention, to the exclusion of the duties of practical piety. He was a firm believer in revealed religion, recognized and acknowledged his obligations to practice its duties, and like most others, intended to do so before he died. His wife being