

many years engaged in mercantile business, and has been an extensive land-holder. He still lives to witness the great changes that have taken place since the days of 1835 and 1836.

William Bullen, his brother, was one of the first claimants on the island, and afterwards procured a pre-emption on the claim made by H. Bacon. He pursued mercantile business, and built a number of large houses, and was much engaged in promoting the interests of the town. He was a member of the Territorial Council in 1838, the two sessions of 1839, and in 1840 and '41. He was honored as a citizen and legislator. He died some years since.

Charles Durkee came from Vermont, his native State, in 1836. He purchased considerable property here, and early commenced building, which he pursued extensively to the advancement of the best interests of the place; the last of these buildings reared by him was the large hotel which will continue to bear the name of *Durkee House* while it stands. He was highly esteemed by the few he found in the place, and his friends have steadily increased with the population. Few men have done so much business, dealt with so many persons, and made so few enemies. He was engaged in every good work, and did his full share in its prosecution. He never waited to be *led*, but was forward in all plans of mercy and benevolence, even when he knew the majority would oppose him. In the cause of temperance and freedom, he was an early and earnest advocate. He was elected a member of the first Territorial Legislature in 1836, and also in 1837 and '38; in 1850, he was chosen to a seat in the lower house of Congress, where he served his two years' term; and in 1855, was elected a member of the United States' Senate. He now resides in Dane county, where he has an extensive farm.

R. H. Deming came here in the year 1836, and for a time was employed in mercantile affairs. He soon took a prominent part in public matters relating to the welfare and prosperity of the place. His early labors in the cause of freedom, temperance and education, have identified him with the history and progress of Southport, and the then county of Racine. But all his other