

the boat never run by steam—but took to the water some years after, *and is running yet.*

“In June, 1834, Judge Arndt shipped the first cargo of lumber that ever went from Green Bay to Chicago. It was shipped on Devil River, at the mouth of Hell Creek. It is needless to say that it was *seasoned* lumber.

“In 1836, Judge Arndt built the first vessel in the State, ‘the schooner *Wisconsin*,’ 140 tons burthen. She ought to be embalmed as *the ship of State.*”

II. Gen. Charles Bracken was born in Pittsburgh, Penn., April 6th, 1797. He was early bred to mercantile pursuits, but confinement in a store not agreeing with his health, he at an early day became a surveyor of public lands, and followed that pursuit until 1828, when he came to the Lead Mines of Wisconsin. During his residence in Wisconsin, he has been principally engaged in mining and smelting lead and copper ores. He proved himself useful, brave and active, during the Black Hawk War of 1832, acting as an aid to Gen. Dodge, and adjutant of Dodge’s regiment. In the memorable battle of Peckatonica, he acted a conspicuous part; and in the battle of Wisconsin Heights, he was the only officer of Dodge’s command who was mounted. He also took part in the closing conflict at the Bad Ax. He has served as Representative of Iowa County in three sessions of the Territorial Legislature, in 1839–40; and has attained to the rank of general in the militia. His contributions towards the History of Wisconsin, both in Gen. Smith’s work, and in the 2d vol. of the Historical Society’s Collections, are creditable and valuable. Gen Bracken has long filled a conspicuous place among his fellow citizens of Western Wisconsin; and his portrait in the Society’s Gallery, a most capital one, will convey to future generations an exact idea of the *nonchalance* of the man, and of his characteristic old white coat.

III. Gen. John Hawkins Rountree was born near the Mammoth Cave, Warren County, Kentucky, March 24th, 1805.