

At the age of twenty-two, hearing of the newly discovered Lead Mines, he came to Wisconsin, and arrived on the 27th of May, 1827; and ever since has been actively engaged in mining, mercantile pursuits and public employments. He shared in the troubles and dangers of the brief Winnebago out-break in 1827, and served as a captain during the Black Hawk War of 1832. From 1838 to 1846, he served ten sessions in the Legislative Council; he was a member of the second Constitutional Convention, and served two years in the State Senate, in 1850-51. He has besides served as County Judge of Grant County, and filled successively the military posts of captain, major and general, in the volunteers and militia. Gen. Rountree possesses a large, commanding form, robust and active; and may he long live to add to his fame and usefulness. His portrait in the Picture Gallery, gives us a correct and life-like view of the man, who for honesty, worth and patriotism, has no superior in Wisconsin.

IV. Hon. Levi Sterling was born in Woodford County, Kentucky, January 2d, 1804. He came to Galena in March, 1828, and in May following located in the neighborhood of Mineral Point. He was, in 1830, appointed deputy clerk of the U. S. District Court, and County Court of Iowa County; and during the Indian war of 1832, served as a lieutenant in Capt. Francis Gehon's company, under Col. Dodge. In 1833, he was appointed by Gov. Porter, of Michigan Territory, Sheriff of Iowa county, and at the same time discharged the duties of Marshal of the U. S. District Court for the counties of Crawford and Iowa—a district of country then embracing the whole of the present limits of Wisconsin, excepting the old county of Brown. In 1834, he enumerated the inhabitants of his district, which then contained 3,443—Crawford county having 810, and Iowa 2,633; while Brown contained 1,957, making but 5,400 white inhabitants in that part of Michigan Territory now comprising Wisconsin.