

struggled with poverty hopefully, secured an education, afterwards taught school, earned money, and studied medicine—would have run in debt, if he had had the credit—and at length graduated at the Berkshire Medical Institution, in 1824. He was then, for about twelve years, engaged in the medical profession in the town of Greenwich, in Hampden county. Here he secured a fair country practice, and twice represented the town in the Massachusetts Legislature.

During the year 1836, he became one of the original proprietors of the celebrated water-power and town site of Sheboygan Falls, in this State. There he removed in the spring of 1837, and superintended the completion of the grist, saw, and shingle mills, and the first framed dwelling in that now flourishing town, and was engaged in the lumbering business there during the remainder of the year.

In the month of April, 1838, he removed to Fond du Lac, and himself and family made one of the *three* which comprised the then entire population of Fond du Lac county. He erected the first framed dwelling in Fond du Lac, and laid out all that part of it now known as Darling's Additions, and which still embrace the most populous and principal business portion of the city. He successively held several of the principal offices of the county, and was the first President of the village corporation, and first Mayor of the city. He was a member of the Territorial Legislature from 1839 to the close of the Territorial Government in 1848; and was Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1846, and President of the Council in 1847—the Documentary History and Wisconsin Almanac, to the contrary notwithstanding. Upon the organization of the State Government, he was chosen one of the two Representatives to Congress to which Wisconsin was then entitled. It may be added here, that Dr. Darling was one of the eight persons composing the Fox and Wisconsin Improvement Company, who received the grant of that work and land from the State, and was elected the first President of the