

litical preferment with brighter prospects of success. For some years Mr. Eastman had abandoned, for the most part, the practice of the law, and having acquired a handsome competency, it was his intention to have settled himself on a farm he had purchased near Platteville, and spend the remainder of his life in that quiet and seclusion from the jostling of the world, for which he often expressed a desire. During his painful sickness of more than three months, Mr. Eastman was visited by four of his brothers, who are residents of this State, two of whom, physicians, were in constant attendance, and called to their assistance the best medical aid in the country, but from the day of his attack, his disease went slowly, but surely on to its fatal termination."

His death occurred on the morning of the 2d of Feb., 1856, in the forty-fourth year of his age. Throughout the State, his death was deeply lamented. His remains were interred in the cemetery at Madison. He left a widow, Mrs. Charlotte Sewall Eastman, but no children. Mr. Eastman was a man of much ability, and his tall, manly form and gentlemanly urbanity, will not soon be forgotten by those who personally knew him.

XI. Hon. Edward Pier was born in Vermont, March 31st, 1807, and came to Wisconsin, landing at Green Bay, Sept. 21st, 1834. On the 17th of February, 1836, Mr. Pier, with his brother, Colwert Pier, residing at Green Bay, visited Fond du Lac for the purpose of selecting a location for a residence. There was then no house or white inhabitant in the county, and they slept on the bank of the river near where the city now stands. On the 6th of June following, Colwert Pier removed his family there, and became the first residents of the place. "Edward Pier, and his father, Calvin Pier," says Martin Mitchel, in his pamphlet History of Fond du Lac county, "arrived on a visit to Colwert Pier, on a dark, rainy night, June 21st, swam the creek, and succeeded in finding the house which gave them shelter with