

Hon. Erastus W. Drury, an old and distinguished citizen of Fond du Lac, died in that city, Feb. 8th. He settled in that place in 1847, having migrated from Middlebury, Vt., where he published a Democratic paper, and served two terms as postmaster. He became a prominent lawyer at Fond du Lac, and served several terms as alderman, and member of the board of education. He was twice a candidate for circuit judge, once against A. W. Stowe, and once against T. O. Howe, and each time defeated by only a very small majority.

Samuel B. Keene died at Hurricane Grove, Grant Co., Feb. 10th, in his eighty-third year. Born in Homer, N. Y., June 11th, 1797, after residing ten years in Indiana, he settled in Grant County, Wis., in 1834. He was a worthy pioneer.

Mrs. Jennie Williams, widow of Captain Asad Williams, died at Whitewater, Feb. 11th, in her ninety-ninth year. She was born in Franklin Co., Mass., Sept. 27th, 1781; and after residing many years in Herkimer and Madison counties, N. Y., removed to Wisconsin in June, 1839, and survived her husband sixteen years. When in her ninety-sixth year, she knit forty pairs of socks.

Jacob Gesalle, or Sell, as he was more generally known, died at Waupaca, Feb. 12th, in his ninety-sixth year. He was an old French veteran, born near Strassburg, France, Jan. 10th, 1785, serving in many battles under the great Napoleon, including Waterloo, and some of those of the Austrian and Russian campaigns—sharing in the terrible winter retreat of the French army from Moscow. He came to this country in 1831, and resided in Waupaca County over twenty-five years.

Hon. H. W. Fries died at Richland Center, Feb. 14th. He was a native of Pennsylvania, of German descent, and had been county judge of Richland County ten years.

Mrs. Sanford Brown died in the town of Walworth, Feb. 14th, in her ninetieth year, her husband surviving her in his ninety-first year.

John G. Dickhoff died in Calamus, Dodge County, Feb. 15th, in the eighty-fifth year of his age. He was a Waterloo veteran, of Blucher's command. At the age of seventy-four, he cut one hundred cords of wood on a contract.

Charles T. Hawley accidentally shot himself, from which he died, at Milwaukee, February 17th, in his thirty-ninth year. Mr. Hawley was a ripe scholar, and superior botanist, and especially interested himself in the flora of Wisconsin—an early friend and student of the late learned scientist, I. A. Lapham. He would make occasional trips through uninhabited portions of the State for the purpose of selection and observation; going to the head-waters of some principal river, and floating down the stream in his canoe, stopping whenever he wished, and penetrating inland to accomplish the object of his researches. Returning home with new and interesting botanical treasures, he would publish the results anonymously in some city paper. He contributed to magazines and reviews ably written articles upon the origin of our race. His death was a loss to Wisconsin and science.