

four years. He settled in Wisconsin in 1829, and was an occupant of Blue Mounds Fort during the Black Hawk War.

Thomas C. Jones, editor of the *Democrat*, died at Watertown, May 3d, aged thirty-one years.

Hon. Volney French died at Kenosha, May 3d, at the age of seventy-one years. He was born in Maidstone, Vt., in 1810. After studying law in Rochester, N. Y., he settled at Kenosha in 1837. He was judge of Racine County before Kenosha was formed from it, from 1844 to 1848; and in 1875, he was appointed probate judge of Kenosha County to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. W. Webster; and was, at one time, candidate on the Democratic ticket for State superintendent of public instruction. He was a vigorous writer for the press, and was editor of the *Kenosha Union* from 1875 to 1877. He had traveled extensively, having made two journeys to Europe of two years each.

Maj. Wm. A. Wheeler died at Middleton, Dane County, May 4th, in his sixty-seventh year. He was born in Fairfield Co., Conn., Oct. 3d, 1814, and became a millwright. He came to Madison in September, 1837. He was chosen the first assessor of Dane County in 1839, and subsequently county commissioner. In 1847, he was elected to the Territorial legislature; and, the same year, he was chosen a member of the second constitutional convention. In 1854, he was elected county treasurer, and filled numerous local offices. In 1863, he was commissioned by President Lincoln a captain and commissary, and served in the commissary department till the close of the war, when he was brevetted major. He built nearly all the early saw- and grist-mills of Dane County.

Hon. Abel Dunning died in the town of Madison, May 13th, in his seventy-first year. He was born in Webster, Monroe Co., N. Y., Feb. 17th, 1811, and settled in Madison, July 7th, 1839. He was a member of the first constitutional convention, in 1846. Not ambitious of public life, he devoted himself to farming.

Wm. Ott died in Watertown, May 24th, aged ninety-one years and twenty-one days. He was a native of Germany, and served under Napoleon in the great battles of Leipsic and Waterloo. He settled in Wisconsin in 1844. He and his companion celebrated their diamond wedding of sixty years.

Hon. Joseph Jackson, a native of Ireland, died at Oshkosh, May 31st, in his eightieth year. He first settled there in 1846; and was three terms mayor of the city, 1854, 1855, and 1857. He filled other offices of trust, among them chief of police from 1871 to 1879, justice of the peace from 1879 to 1881, when he was elected overseer of the poor. He was a man of integrity, and highly respected.

John Benson, a native of Ireland, died at Madison, June 1st, in his seventy-fourth year. He had served in the army in the Seminole and Mexican wars, and was a member of the Seventeenth Wisconsin regiment in the late war, receiving a serious wound in the service, when he joined the in-