

Conclusion

Wisconsin has a history, a long and eventful one of which much has been already garnered, and much yet remains to be done. The early French explorers and missionaries have left us some precious narratives and reports, while Charlevoix's *New France*, Carver's, Long's and Pike's *Travels* and Atwater's *Tour to Prairie du Chien*, in 1829, give us some early glimpses of Wisconsin history. Nor have our own citizens, in more modern times, been idle in relating the story of her beauties, her incidents and early hardships, and her wonderful progress and prosperity. Our honored Presidents, Gen. Wm. R. Smith, and I. A. Lapham, LL. D., have rendered our State a good service; the former in his *Observations in Wisconsin* in 1837, and his *History of Wisconsin*, in 1853; and the latter in his work on the *History and Topography of Wisconsin*, and his able paper to the *Smithsonian Contributions*, on the *Antiquities of Wisconsin*; John Gregory's *Resources of Wisconsin*; John W. Hunt's *Gazetteer of the State*; Maj. D. S. Curtiss' *Western Portraiture*; Rev. Stephen Peet's *History of the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches of Wisconsin*; Judge Gale's *Records of the Gale Family*, and his recent work on the *History of the Upper Mississippi Valley*; Hon. Orrin Guernsey's work on the *History and Agriculture of Rock county*; Martin Mitchell's brochures on the *Histories of Fond du Lac and Winnebago counties*; John C. Gillespy's *History of Green Lake county*; A. C. Wheeler's *Chronicles of Milwaukee*; G. M. West's *Early History of Metomen*; Dan'l S. Durries' two works on the *Genealogy of the Steele and Holt Families*, and his large work, in manuscript, on the *Topography and Statistics of Wisconsin*; S. D. Carpenter's *Causes of the War*; E. B. Quiner's and Rev. W. D. L. Love's *Histories of Wisconsin in the Rebellion*; G. W. Drigg's *History of the 8th Wisconsin Volunteers*; Jas. J. McMyler's *Eleventh Wisconsin volunteers*; S. W. Pierce's *Battle Fields and Camp Fires of the 38th Wisconsin Volunteers*; Dr. A. L. Castleman's *Army of the Potomac Behind the Scenes*; and