

useful career, and to bear in grateful remembrance the distinguished ability, integrity and fidelity, which he displayed in the high and important official trusts to which he was so frequently called by our people.

General Dodge was born in the year 1782, at Vincennes, in that portion of the North-Western territory which now constitutes the State of Indiana. He removed to Missouri, where he passed a considerable of the earlier portion of his life. In 1808, he held the office of Sheriff of Cape Girardeau County. In 1812, he was chosen Captain of a mounted rifle company, and in September of that year he was appointed Major of the Louisiana Territorial militia. He continued in service during the war until October, 1814, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; and, in 1814, he commanded an expedition sent up largely in the trials and difficulties incident to the early settlement of that State. In 1827, he removed to Wisconsin, then a part of Michigan Territory, and settled near Dodgeville, in the mining district, and engaged in the business of mining. At this period he took a prominent part in the Winnebago Indian war. He was appointed Major of the United States Rangers in June, 1832, and Colonel of the First Dragoons on the 4th of March, 1833, which position he resigned about three years afterwards. During the Black Hawk war he held the position of Colonel, and distinguished himself by the prompt, energetic and decisive manner in which he conducted the part assigned to him. He acquired a high reputation as a military officer, in conducting campaigns against the Indians, and in this service he had few, if any, superiors. He became at this time intimately acquainted with the country, and one of its most prominent and useful citizens. Upon the organization of the Territory of Wisconsin in 1836, he was appointed by President Jackson its first Governor, and continued to hold that office until the 30th of September, 1841, when he was elected Delegate to Congress from Wisconsin Territory, and continued in that office until the 8th of April, 1845, having been re-elected in September, 1843. On the 8th of April,