

ford, and Territory of Wisconsin On the 28th of September, 1840, I was duly elected, and on the 19th day of October, was qualified before C. J. Learned, to perform the duties of the office. The business of Constable here, eighteen years ago, was not very considerable, yet there was a kind of character attached to the office in that day, which made its occupant a person of note and dread, in the eyes of the then unsophisticated inhabitants of this vicinity. Well do I remember the first writ I served; the trepidation that took hold of the person against whom it was issued, when I came into his presence. But he has got bravely over that, and is at this time, one of the first citizens of Prairie Du Chien, under obligation to no man.

Ezekiel Taintor was elected Sheriff of Crawford County, about 1840; at all events, he occupied that office in the year 1841. This point was then the place for holding all criminal trials, for the entire country north-west of it. Some very noted lawyers of those times, were located here; among these was T. P. Burnett, a thorough read lawyer, and a gentleman of respectability. His public services will long be remembered by the citizens of Wisconsin. He died in 1846, leaving a vacant seat in the Territorial Legislature, and a large circle of friends.

In the year 1841, J. Rolette, the first citizen of Prairie Du Chien, died, and was buried in the Catholic grave-yard. Four years previous, Michael Brisbois, an old fur-trader, and citizen, died, and was buried on the summit of a high bluff, in accordance with a request made previous to his death. The bluff is back of the town, and is called Mt. Pleasant; and strangers whose curiosity prompts them with a desire to see all the sights of this beautiful valley, often climb up to the grave, where, reclining beneath the weather-beaten cross, they feast on the magnificent scene that can be had from the bluff, or listen to the story of the old pioneer's request.

In 1842, the subject of religion created considerable interest, and at a quarterly meeting conference, held in Prairie Du Chien on the 25th day of September, in that year, the project