

Life and Services of J. D. Doty

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In compliance with the request of the State Historical Society, made on the 2d January, 1866, that I should prepare for its archives "a paper on the Life and Public Services of the late Hon. James Duane Doty, and their relation to the History of Wisconsin," I respectfully submit the following:

I shall hardly be expected to give a detailed history of all his acts and doings; as, while he was Judge of the U. S. District Court, for Michigan, west of the Lakes; as a member of the Legislative Council of Michigan from the upper district; as Delegate to Congress from the Territory of Wisconsin; as Governor and Superintendent of Indian Affairs; as Commissioner for treating with the Indian Tribes on the Upper Mississippi; as a member of the Convention for forming a Constitution and State Government; as a member of Congress from the 3d District of this State; and finally as Superintendent of Indian Affairs, and then Governor of Utah, where he died; to do all which would be writing a volume—a history of Wisconsin—instead of "a paper." Having on the 30th June, 1865, soon after the death of Gov. Doty, written and published in the *Pinery* newspaper of this place, a somewhat extended article, I can now do but little more than repeat, with some amplification, what I then said; in doing which, at the distance I am away from records, libraries, files of State newspapers, &c., I shall have to draw almost entirely on fading recollections of events long since past, and cannot therefore, hope to be as accurate as might be wished.

The distinguished subject of our narrative was a native of Salem, Washington County, New York, where he was born