

Gen. Collins, her father, was a prominent officer in the War of 1812, commanding the New York State militia at Sacket's Harbor.

Judge Doty lost no time in entering on his duties as Judge—law-giver to a country sufficient in extent for an empire. He repaired forthwith to Prairie Du Chien; organized the Judiciary of Crawford county, and opened court. It was no easy task to inaugurate justice in these wilds; to create sheriffs, clerks and jurors, out of half breed Indian traders, *voyageurs*, and *couriers du bois*, but the tact, talent and perseverance of the young Judge prevailed: It was done, and stood fast.

Judge Doty had thought to make Prairie Du Chien his resting place—his home—but the leading Indian trader, and one of great influence in the country, especially, not regarding the establishment of courts within the precincts of his trade with favor, but with evident dislike, early intimations of a want of good neighborhood appeared between the leading traders and the Judge of the U. S. District Court; to avoid which, as well as to find a more healthy location for his family, he determined on a permanent residence at Green Bay, to which place he soon removed, and made it his home for twenty years.

The Judge proceeded to organize courts in Michillimackinac and Brown counties, where he found the inhabitants generally disposed to render every assistance in bringing a wild country subject to law and good order. The terms were held with perfect regularity throughout the whole district; he continued to discharge his onerous duties for nine years and until superseded by Judge Irwin, in 1832; when he turned over his judicature to his successor, and retired to private life—if, indeed, his time and talents, devoted as they were thenceforward to the development of the resources of this new country, could, in any sense, be termed "private life."

Relieved from the cares and responsibilities of the Judgeship and courts, he immediately commenced, on his own resources, a personal examination, by repeated tours, of the country that now constitutes Wisconsin and Northern Illinois. It was then