

left his brother, Nicholas Maughs, in charge, who carried on the business for his brother until the year 1850 or 1851, at which time the general moved up from Galena with his family, and took personal charge of the business, until the date of his death, February 18, 1863. Gen. Maughs was a man widely known, and was universally respected for his worth and integrity. In his death our county lost one of its earliest and best citizens.

Mr. Hewlett was one of the earliest pioneers in the Upper Mississippi country. Making his home within the limits of the present State of Wisconsin in the year 1819, he saw our territory in the wild beauty of nature, and lived to see Wisconsin the peer of many of her sister states. He was a man of a very quiet and unassuming disposition; indifferent, apparently, to exposure and danger; but possessing in a high degree that perseverance and resolution so common to the early western pioneers.

McNeil was one of those jovial men, eminently social in his disposition and habits, which led him into a course of life that in after years he was unable to control. After selling out his interest in the mill on the Lemonweir to Mr. Hewlett, he floated around from place to place, on the Upper Wisconsin and its tributaries, without any fixed location or apparent idea of a permanent business; and at the breaking out of the rebellion, he enlisted in the Union army, and died in one of the Southern prisons.

In the fall of 1836, St. Germaine, then in his sixteenth year, hired out in Canada as a packer to the American Fur Company; made his way to the then Territory of Wisconsin, by the way of Lake Superior; was sent South the same fall with a party of traders, and passed the ensuing winter on the east fork of Black River, in the present county of Clark. In the fall of 1837, he left the Fur Company, and was engaged the following winter by Messrs. Perry and Veeder, on Mill Creek, in the present county of Portage. After working for Messrs. La Ronde and Walsworth, as before stated, he again went to work for the fur company; remained with them for several years, first as packer, and afterwards as a trader with the Indians. Leaving their employ, he made his home for some time at Fort Winnebago and Portage City, and finally, in 1851, located at Necedah, in this county, where he