

## Wisconsin Necrology, 1876-78

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A continuance of the death-roll of prominent Wisconsin persons, for the years 1876-78, with passing notices of their career, is here presented for record.

1876

Hon. Albert M. Skeels died at Ripon, January 5th, in his sixty-third year. He was born at Swanton, Vermont, February 27th, 1813, and removed to Ripon in 1853. He was for some seven years postmaster at that place; and in 1865 and 1866, he served as a representative in the legislature, taking rank among the ablest members of that body. He also served as a commissioner and trustee of the State Insane Asylum near Oshkosh; and filled the position of President of the Ripon Agricultural Association, and the same position in the Northern Wisconsin Agricultural Society.

John Lewis, of Baraboo, was accidentally run over and killed by a railroad train, near that place, January 11th. He was about fifty-five years of age, and was formerly from Ohio, where he had held several offices of honor and trust, among them a seat in the legislature. He at one time served as city treasurer of Madison.

Hon. Jacob Spaulding died of apoplexy at Worcester, Chippewa County, January 23rd, aged sixty-five years. He was born in the State of New York in 1810, and settled on Black River, Wisconsin, as early as 1839. He had at first to obtain his necessary supplies from Prairie du Chien, a distance of one hundred and sixty miles. He was the founder of the village of Black River Falls, and became a prominent man in that valley. So great was the confidence of the Winnebago Indians in him, that they