

the British naval service, and then in the army. During the War of 1812, he saw some hard service, being severely wounded. He was, on one occasion, shipwrecked when eighteen vessels went down with nearly all on board on a single night, suffering all the horrors short of death incident to such a catastrophe. Escaping from his British oppressors, he joined the American army in time to bear an honorable part against those who had enslaved him. Re-enlisting in the United States service, he came west; and at length, in 1826, to Green Bay. During the Black Hawk War he forwarded stores and supplies to the troops at Fort Winnebago; and subsequently took part in several Indian treaties. When Wisconsin Territory was organized, he was commissioned first, a lieutenant colonel, and then a full colonel, of the militia. From 1848 to 1861, he acted as receiver of the United States land office, first at Green Bay and then at Menasha. He was a good soldier, and an honest man.

Hon. Henry Merrell, who died at Portage, May 6th, in his seventy-second year, was born in Utica, N. Y., August 7th, 1804. He came to Fort Winnebago in 1834, was postmaster there twelve years, and State senator in 1848-49. His career and character are fittingly noticed in the seventh volume of the Society's *Collections*, in connection with his interesting paper on "Pioneer Life in Wisconsin."

Hon. Charles A. Weisbrod, a prominent lawyer, died at Oshkosh, on the 21st of May. He was born in Prussia in 1822, and received a liberal education, graduating at Berlin University. He first engaged in civil engineering for several years. Settling at Oshkosh in 1849, he filled many public positions; and was serving as one of the Normal School regents at the time of his death.

Hon. Robert C. Field died at Mondovi, Buffalo County, of apoplexy, June 16th, at the age of seventy-two years. He was born at Cairo, Green County, N. Y., May 6, 1804, and received a common school education. He settled in Richland County, Wisconsin, 1849, removing to Trempealeau in 1859. He represented Green County, N. Y., in the assembly of that State in 1843; and Richland County, in the Wisconsin legislature in 1856, and