

County that I knew at the bar Nelson Dewey, a citizen of the county, your first governor; and it was in the same county I had as associates at the bar Ben. C. Eastman and J. Allen Barber, both afterward members of Congress, and both of whom have paid the last great debt of nature. It was at Mineral Point, in Iowa County, in the spring of 1842, that a brother, to whom I was allied by every tie which could bind one brother to another, commenced the practice of law, and was subsequently elected to Congress for three terms, serving his country subsequently during the entire time of the Rebellion. Wisconsin then paid him its highest honor, in electing him governor; and when he died, in the spring of 1882, in the strength of his manhood, and in the midst of his usefulness, the whole State paid the most touching honors to his memory.

It was in Iowa County, also, when Wisconsin was yet a Territory, that I contracted the most sacred and the happiest relation of my life, for it was at Gratiot's Grove, on the 31st day of July, 1845, that I married the daughter of him who is to-night the subject of this paper.

I have spoken of the discovery of lead ore in the Fevre River lead mines in 1820 and 1821. The development there of great mineral wealth attracted large numbers of adventurous men in search of sudden wealth. For many years there was a great influx of miners and prospectors, and from the immediate country about Fevre River they spread over the surrounding country and into the Indian possessions of Michigan Territory.

What I have said is merely preliminary to the subject of this paper, and to connect with Wisconsin the name of Henry Gratiot, an early settler of the then Territory of Michigan, an enterprising and well-known business man, who won an honored name as a good citizen, and made an impress on his time by the extent of his affairs, the probity of his conduct, and the great and exceptional services he rendered to the people in their early struggles, and during the Black Hawk War.

It is in the name and on behalf of his daughter, Adèle Gratiot Washburne, that I now come to present to the State