

The following is the report of Judge Turney, adopted by the meeting:

"Gentlemen—Your committee beg leave to report: The friend and fellow-citizen, whose melancholy fate has assembled us together, and for whose worth we would offer our tribute of respect, has been long and intimately known in this country, and only known to be most warmly esteemed. The name of Henry Gratiot, Esq., is identified with the earliest settlement of the extreme Northwest. The probity and integrity of his character, no less than his hospitality, benevolence, and charity, endeared him to the hearts of all who knew him. The death of the good man is a bereavement to the whole community; but to those connected with the deceased by ties of blood, the loss is irreparable."

Col. Gratiot left eight children, four sons and four daughters. Two of the sons have died in Wisconsin within the last three years: Lieut.-Col. Edward H. Gratiot, late a paymaster in the United States army, at Platteville, and Charles H. Gratiot, at Gratiot, La Fayette County. Another, Stephen H. Gratiot died in Washington, in 1864. The only remaining son, Henry Gratiot, resides in the state of California. Of the four daughters, Mrs. Washburne is the only one now living.

The death of no man throughout the lead mines was ever more generally and sincerely regretted than was that of Col. Gratiot. By none was his death more sincerely mourned than by the poor and straggling Winnebagoes who lingered in the country. For many years after the marriage of Mrs. Washburne, and up to 1860, many of the surviving members of the tribe would come almost annually to visit her at her home in Galena, to pay a tribute of respect and affection to the memory of her father. Bringing their blankets with them, they would sometimes remain for several days, sleeping on the floor of her parlors. To those poor, wandering, dispirited, and squalid Indians—men literally without a country—the latch-string was always out, and they were ever hospitably received and entertained. They always departed satisfied, and with their best wishes for the happi-