

earth. It is also worthy of mention that the first school taught in that portion of the State was organized by Col. Gratiot nearly sixty years ago, and that the first teacher employed, Miss Beulah Lamb, afterwards Mrs. George Schellenger, still lives near the little village of Wiota, and has witnessed the development from these small beginnings, of our present excellent school system, in which the State takes just pride."

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Gen. David Atwood, in presenting the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, spoke in appropriate terms of the wonderful growth of the country, and of the indebtedness of the present generation to such hardy, farseeing men as Col. Gratiot, for this great prosperity; and of the pleasure of the Historical Society that the daughter and granddaughter of this noble pioneer, and of the eminent statesman who had just pronounced the admirable address on Col. Gratiot, are present on this interesting occasion:

*Resolved*, That in the presentation to the Wisconsin Historical Society, by Mrs. E. B. Washburne, of an elegant portrait of her late honored father, Col. Henry Gratiot, one of the earliest and most highly respected pioneers of Wisconsin, she has performed a graceful and generous act, that is highly appreciated by the Society; that the interesting and eloquent manner in which the presentation was made by Hon. E. B. Washburne, and the felicitous terms in which he referred to the life and character of Col. Gratiot, are fitting accompaniments of the noble generosity of the donor; and that the sincere and cordial thanks of the members of the Wisconsin Historical Society be, and they are hereby tendered to Mrs. Washburne for her valuable contribution to the art gallery, and to Mr. Washburne for his able contribution to the biographical literature of the Society.

*Resolved*, That the Hon. E. B. Washburne be, and he hereby is, respectfully requested to furnish to this Society, for publication, a copy of his admirable address on the life and character of Col. Henry Gratiot, delivered this evening.