Wisconsin Necrology, 1879-82

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Our necrological notices of the pioneers and prominent persons of Wisconsin commenced with 1874, and continued to the close of 1881. After supplying several omissions, the narrative is continued.

1879

Mrs. Elizabeth F. Beall, a niece of J. Fenimore Cooper, and relict of the late Lieut. Gov. Samuel W. Beall, died at Fond du Lac, February 14th, in her sixty-ninth year. She migrated to Green Bay with her husband in the summer of 1820, on a schooner sailed by Capt. Blake, in company with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Irwin, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Cadle, and Miss Frances Henshaw, and settled in that town. In September of that year, when Christ Church was organized by Mr. Cadle, Mrs. Beall became one of the constituent members, her husband being one of the first vestrymen. In the summer of 1835, when the Green Bay land district was established, Mr. Beall was appointed the first receiver by President Jackson; and after serving in this capacity a year or two, he retired, and removed with his family to Cooperstown, N. Y., in the summer of 1837, but returned to Green Bay in the latter part of 1839. In 1842, they removed to Taycheedah, near Fond du Lac. She was an estimable woman. Her two sons early settled in California, where the younger died several years since; one of her four daughters became the wife of Judge Levi Hubbell; another is Mrs. Bessie Pumpelly, of Fond du Lac.

On February 17th, Orlo B. Graves, at Green Bay, in his thirty-sixth year, where he had long been a prominent citizen, a lawyer by profession, filling the highest positions in the order of Odd Fellows, and serving several years as city attorney.

1880

James Holden, the first settler on Heart Prairie, Walworth County, died in that town, February 22d, in his sixty-seventh year. Born in Middlesex, Vt., August 5, 1813, on arriving at manhood he went to Boston; but, in 1837, he migrated to Wisconsin, first locating a claim at Sugar Creek, in Walworth County. Shortly after, business calling him to Chicago, he was necessarily absent about a month; when returning, he was chagrined to find his claim had been "jumped." He was cheered