

business life while yet young, first as a clerk, and then in lumbering and other enterprises. In September, 1839, in company with his brother Alexander, he started from Prairie du Chien in a canoe, stocked with provisions, with which they proceeded to, and made their first settlement on, Black River, at a point about three miles below the present Black River Falls, where they built a sawmill. In 1844, Mr. O'Neill settled on the present site of Neillsville, erecting the first building there—a rough log cabin.

In 1849, he represented Chippewa and Crawford counties in the legislature. From 1861 to 1865, he was treasurer of Clark County, and in 1868, he again represented his district in the legislature. He was fifteen years chairman of the county board of supervisors, and held many important town offices. As an early pioneer of the Black River country, and a man of generous sympathies and impulses, his name and memory will long be cherished in that valley.

Joseph Gillis Taylor, familiarly known as Gen. Taylor, died at Elkhorn, March 31st, in his eighty-seventh year. He was born in Argyle, N. Y., March 19, 1796, and was a soldier in the War of 1812, serving at the battle of Plattsburg, September 11, 1814, and received a pension for his services. He settled in Elkhorn in June, 1857.

Gideon Pitts Parker, in Summit, Juneau Co., Wis., April 5th, at the age of ninety-eight years, six months, and fifteen days. He was a private in the land forces, stationed at Erie, Penn., in 1813; and was a volunteer on board the flagship "Niagara," under Commodore Perry, in the memorable battle on Lake Erie, September 10th, in that year, and was slightly wounded in the engagement. He deservedly enjoyed a pension for his services.

Died at Sheboygan, April 10th, Francis R. Townsend, in the sixty-ninth year of his age. He was born in Troy, N. Y., Aug. 29th, 1813; settled in Racine in 1844, and in 1851 at Sheboygan, where he served as the first mayor, was several times alderman, school commissioner, and superintendent of the city schools. He was also president of the Bank of Sheboygan, secretary and treasurer of the Sheboygan and Fond du Lac Railroad, and treasurer of the Sheboygan Manufacturing Company. He was long and largely engaged in business affairs, and with his good judgment met with large success.

Mrs. Manchell Reynolds, at Watertown, Wis., April 23d, at the advanced age of ninety-five years. She was a native of Maryland, and saw Washington when he was president. She had resided in the vicinity of Watertown since 1850, and enjoyed a pension, her husband having participated in the battle of New Orleans.

Robert R. Menzie, an eminent criminal lawyer, died at Delavan, May 3d, aged seventy-two years.

Hon. William Dick, of apoplexy, in Brothertown, Calumet Co., May 3d, aged sixty-seven years. He was one of the oldest settlers in the county, locating there in 1831. He represented his district in the assembly two