

had known her for years, and regret at her death will enter many hearts. Her brothers, John P. and George, and sister Kate, preceded her to the grave. Her surviving sisters were Mrs. Lefevre, near Omro, Mrs. Gustave de Neveu, Fond du Lac, and Mrs. D. Wiley, Merrill.

Mrs. Sarah Randall, mother of the late ex-Governor and Postmaster-General A. W. Randall, and Chief Justice Edwin M. Randall, of Florida, died on May 4th, at the age of eighty-three years.

Ephraim S. Durfee died at Poygan, about May 5th, at the great age of nearly ninety-seven. Born in Rhode Island in 1785, and reaching manhood, he removed to Salina, N. Y., and engaged in contracting for the construction of public works. He became a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity; and moving to Rochester, he there conferred the degree of apprentice and fellow-craft upon William Morgan, the reputed exposé of Masonry. In regard to Morgan, Mr. Durfee, was of the opinion that he never wrote the book credited to him; but that it was the production of some one else over Morgan's signature, and that its purpose was political effect rather than a blow at the order. Durfee reasoned that Morgan having, as he believed, received but two degrees in Masonry, could not have produced the work, which evinced familiarity with mysteries of which he had no knowledge.

The disappearance of Morgan, and the subsequent anti-Masonic excitement, rendered Rochester so uncomfortable for members of the order, that Durfee and others repaired to Canada for quiet and safety, where he remained until 1845, when he settled on a farm adjoining Oshkosh. So hardy was he, that on his ninety-fourth birthday, he sowed some grain, chopped three-quarters of a cord of wood, made an axe-handle, and called on several of his friends. He served under Gen. Scott, at Lundy's Lane, and other battles on the Niagara frontier, but declined to apply for a pension, saying that he was amply compensated for his services.

Col. John O'Rourke, of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, died at St. Louis, May 5th. Many years ago, he settled in Milwaukee, performing clerical services, and became captain of the Montgomery Guards. On the breaking out of the Civil War, he joined Colonel Bragg's regiment as lieutenant-colonel, and when Bragg was promoted, he succeeded to the command of the regiment, and served with honor to the end of the war. Removing to Linden, Iowa County, he was several times chosen to the legislature, and served one term as treasurer of Iowa County. He at length removed to Plattsmouth, where he held the position of assistant cashier of the First National Bank, and also served as mayor of the city. He left a wife and three children.

Hon. John Rutledge, at Ixonia, May 12th, at the age of sixty-four years. He was a pioneer settler of the town, and once represented his district in the legislature.

Judge Derrick C. Bush, at Lawson's Mills, Nebraska, May 17th, at the