

SKETCH OF MORGAN L. MARTIN.

BY THE EDITOR.

Morgan Lewis Martin, son of Gen. Walter Martin, was born in Martinsburgh, Lewis county, New York, on the 31st of March, 1805. In 1824 he graduated from Hamilton College, at Clinton, New York. For two years, he studied law with Collins and Parish, in Lowville, N. Y., and in 1826 went to Detroit, then the chief city of the Northwest. There he entered Henry S. Cole's law office and was soon afterwards admitted to the bar. His residence in Detroit lasted but a few months, and in May, 1827, acting under the advice of his cousin, James Duane Doty,¹—who was then seeking to have the Territory of Huron erected by congress, with Green Bay as the seat of government,—took up his home in Green Bay, where he resided until his death, “one of the most conspicuous and distinguished among that band of pioneer settlers who early gave a national reputation to Wisconsin.”² From 1831 to 1835, he was a member of the legislative council of Michigan Territory, and from 1838 to 1844, one of the territorial council of Wisconsin. In 1845–47, he represented his Territory, with marked ability, in congress.³ He was president of the state constitutional conven-

¹ It was not generally known that Doty and Martin were cousins, the former being the latter's senior by six years. Doty's mother was a sister of Gen. Walter Martin. When her husband, Chillus Doty, died, October 16, 1824, she went to live with her brother, until the latter's death in Martinsburgh, December 10, 1834. The young men were reared in the same neighborhood,—the elder Martin being the village postmaster, and the elder Doty the innkeeper,—and were always close friends. James D. Doty had moved to Detroit in 1818 and to Green Bay in 1823.—ED.

² *Fathers of Wisconsin*, p. 241.—ED.

³ “In September, 1845, Mr. Martin was elected territorial delegate to congress over James Collins, whig, and E. D. Holton, “liberty,” candidates. He took his seat as delegate in the 30th congress on the first Monday in