

died a prominent citizen of Detroit, and one of its most estimable public characters. He was a delegate from Michigan to congress, in 1829-30.

Samuel C. Stambaugh was appointed Indian agent at Green Bay by President Jackson, in 1831. He was the publisher of a county newspaper in Pennsylvania and was supposed to have received the appointment as a reward for political services, his personal character not being such as to commend him to public favor. His nomination was said to have been promptly rejected by the senate, on account of dissolute habits while at Washington with an Indian delegation in the winter of 1831-32. He was then sent out by the president as a special agent—Col. George Boyd being transferred from Mackinaw (where he had served several years) to the vacant agency of Green Bay. Stambaugh's title of "colonel" was not conferred, it is believed, for military services ever rendered by him before or during his temporary appointment as agent. I was elected in 1831 to the legislative council of Michigan, the sessions of which were to be held at Detroit, commencing early in 1832. There was at that date no mode of reaching Detroit from Green Bay, except by vessel or a trip on horseback of five hundred miles—through the whole distance, an Indian country. This session necessitated my absence from Green Bay during the greater part of Stambaugh's career among us, and I would have seen very little of him but that I visited Washington in the fall of 1831, where he had taken a delegation of Indians on his individual responsibility to treat for a cession of a portion of their lands. I there met him casually, and was asked and declined to interfere with his professed objects. After his retirement from public employment, about 1836 or 1837, I again casually met him in Washington. I can only speak of him, therefore, from public report and not from personal knowledge. He was not considered generally as a man who accomplished anything worthy of note.

Col. George Boyd, the successor of Stambaugh, was a gentleman of refined manners, the brother-in-law of President J. Q. Adams, and remained agent for several years. His