

managed a store for him. In moving his goods to Baraboo, Metcalf took them by team across the Wisconsin river and through Harrisburg (near Black Hawk) to their destination.

About the time of Metcalf's departure, the shot-tower lost another of its old-time employés; John Wilson had removed to Wilson Creek in 1840, but he still continued to make shot-kegs for the company, either coming to Helena and doing the work in his old cooper shop there, or sending them down the river from his shop on Wilson Creek. In 1848 he ceased this work altogether, and after 1854 the shot was shipped in boxes made at the tower. During his last year's work, Wilson was assisted by F. A. Oertel. Among the best-known of those Helena settlers who were more or less connected with the tower, may be mentioned Alvah Culver,¹ whose hotel was in early days a great resort for travelers. He was also the pioneer ferryman of Old Helena, and kept store in a building southeast of his hotel. Less widely known, but none the less kindly remembered, was another genial tavern-keeper, Thomas Pound,² whose old-fashioned Quaker hospitality is still re-

¹ Alvah Culver was born in Bainbridge, N. Y., in 1811. He went to Green Bay, in 1837, to work at his trade as carpenter. The same year he came to Helena with Daniel Whitney and worked for him upon the buildings of the Shot-Tower Company. In 1838 he returned to New York and brought his family to Helena by way of Green Bay. The same year he put up the hotel of which he was proprietor till 1863. He built two steamboats for the Wisconsin River trade, and ran a small boat between Helena and Prairie du Chien. He also owned and operated what was for many years the only ferry across the Wisconsin River. He moved to Helena Station in 1863, and in 1884 bought the Andrew Lockman property there. Dying there Feb. 28, 1885, he was buried in the Old Helena cemetery.

² Thomas Pound was born Nov. 13, 1784, and died at Spring Green, Sept. 23, 1868. He belonged to a Pennsylvania Quaker family. In 1847 he came west with his family, stopping temporarily at Cooksville, Rock Co., and settled at Prairie du Sac. After keeping hotel here for a year, he was hired in the fall of 1848 by John Cook to come to Helena and board the men engaged in constructing a steamboat that had been begun at Prairie du Sac the preceding summer. After two years Pound