

accommodations to entertain strangers, one time a man and his wife were living temporarily in a part of our house, when the man's sister with a family of ten, one a cripple, came on from the east to locate here in Appleton. My mother opened her house to them and they remained with us for three weeks before they could get located in a home of their own, and from the acquaintance thus started, they became life-long friends.

My recollection of her was a happy habit she had of singing about her work, seeming to gather strength and courage from the grand old hymns of Wesley and Watts. I can think of no more appropriate description of her than King Solomon's description of a Virtuous Woman, found in Proverbs 31:10-31.

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HELEN BAILEY BOSTWICK

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Helen Bailey Bostwick was the first white girl born in Janesville. She was the daughter of William and Mary Bailey and was born at Janesville, Wisconsin, June 24, 1837. Her father, W. H. H. Bailey, was born in New Hampshire, and in 1814 he moved to Danville, Vermont. He was united in marriage in 1835 to Miss Mary Dixon, a sister of John P. Dixon, a well known and prominent early settler of Janesville.

Soon after their marriage, in October, 1836, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey came to Janesville, where he joined his brother-in-law, Mr. Dixon, who had preceded him the previous spring. The two families located on claims near the river in what is now the southeastern portion of the city of Janesville.

Mr. Bailey was the first register of deeds and also the first clerk of the Board of County Supervisors. In

1842, Mr. Bailey joined Thomas Lappin and Charles Stevens in building the first bridge across Rock River at Janesville. He was associated with A. Hyatt Smith in building the first dam across Rock River at Janesville, in the winter of 1844-45. In 1848 he was one of the incorporators of the Madison & Beloit Railway Company, the first railway company incorporated in the state.

Helen Bailey was born in a log house on what is known as the Burr Robbins farm in Spring Brook. Her parents later built a residence on Main Street. She looks back through the eighty-seven years of her life recalling the story told by the young mother of how the Indians peered through the doors and windows to catch a glimpse of the white papoose. They would never come inside of the white man's house. They just looked in. But they were always friendly.

This was five years after the Black Hawk War. Black Hawk's grove, just outside of the present city limits of Janesville, was the home of the red men. In those days the nearest trading center was Galena, Illinois, the distance having to be travelled by road. Parties of Indians were often met, but they were seldom hostile if treated right. Many Indian trinkets were brought home to the Bailey children by their father, whom the Indians numbered among their friends.

When Helen Bailey was seven years old, she went to Vermont with her parents to visit her father's brother. While there, the cholera broke out and they were forced to stay for some time. Helen Bailey was educated at a private school in Hanover, New Hampshire, the seat of Dartmouth College in 1860, she returned to Janesville with her parents, and was married to Robert Matteson Bostwick on the 12th day of February, 1863. Mr. and Mrs. Bostwick were the parents of seven children, two of whom are dead. John P. died at the age of fourteen, and Morris M. at the age of thirty-three. The members of the family still living are Mrs. A. E. Bingham, Charles

B. Bostwick, Mrs. A. W. Mayhew, Mark Bostwick, and Mary L. Bostwick. Mr. Bostwick died July 23, 1913. He was a resident of Janesville for sixty-six years, and for fifty years of that time was identified with the mercantile business of the city.

ANNA WEALTHY MOODY FLACK

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Beloit

Anna Moody was born at South Hadley, Massachusetts, July 30, 1830; married January 26, 1882 to David L. Flack at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Died at Elkhorn, October 1, 1909, after sixteen years of widowhood and two years of failing health.

She was the seventh of ten children of Spencer Moody and Wealthy Montague. Her brother, Austin Moody of Lake Geneva and Duluth was the surviving member of the family. Her ancestors came early to New England and were of that choice seed which God winnowed from four kingdoms for sowing these colonies.

At fifteen she was a teacher at Northfield.

She laid the basis of her higher usefulness by entering and graduating from Mt. Holyoke Seminary.

She taught a few years in Eaton School, New Haven. The lure of the West, the far west of Wisconsin was upon her. Accompanied by her brother, she reached Wisconsin in June, 1858. We will quote her own words in her address at a reunion of her former pupils at Lake Geneva, August 19, 1903: "When I came, it was too late to engage a school for that year. In January of the year following, I was invited to teach a school of eighty young men and women at Genoa, completing the work at the end of the school year.

"September, 1859, I commenced teaching over Beamsley's, with twenty pupils. Some of these went to the war, while the girls formed a knitting circle. The mittens had fingers as well as thumbs.