

At Santa Barbara, New Year, 1888, Mrs. Porter entered into rest. Her remains were interred in Rosehill Cemetery, January 17, 1888, by the authority of the Women's Missionary Board of the Interior.

Elizabeth Chapin Porter (Mrs. Henry Porter) is now a resident of San Diego, California.

Her son, Lucius Porter and Lillian Dudley Porter have for many years been missionaries to China. At present all of this family and Madam Porter are spending their vacation in Beloit and other cities.

MRS. ADELINE HILL RIDDLE  
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Mrs. Adeline Riddle was one of Wisconsin's pioneer women. She was born at Charlemont, Massachusetts, June 25, 1820. Her mother Annis Avery Hill, daughter of Johnathan Avery, a soldier of the Revolution, was born at Eufield, Connecticut, April 13, 1796, and therefore lived under the administration of every president of the United States until her death in 1886.

On her twentieth birthday Adeline Hill was married at Charlemont, Massachusetts, to Thomas Morris Riddle of Milwaukee, Wisconsin Territory and started at once on her wedding journey to her new home in the far West. Mrs. Riddle lived in Wisconsin eight years before the territory was admitted as a state. Her husband, however, had located there five years previously, coming from Massachusetts to try his fortunes in the new country. He had walked the greater part of the way from

Ann Harbor, Michigan and all the way from Chicago to Milwaukee, the journey from Chicago to Milwaukee being especially slow and tedious, consuming six days as they were often obliged to cut their way through dense underbrush and fallen timber. Five years later, when Mr. Riddle returned with his bride, the mode of travel was much improved and they were able to ride a large part of the way in an ox-cart over a corduroy road.

On reaching Milwaukee in 1835 Mr. Riddle for a time assisted his brother-in-law Deacon Daniel Brown, by doing carpenter work. Together they erected the first frame house in the county and to Mrs. Samuel Brown, the sister, belongs the credit of having baked the first loaf of bread, baked by a white woman within the present limits of the metropolis.

Mr. Riddle soon pushed on to the home of the only white settler known to live west of Milwaukee Village, a Mr. Woodward, and took up government land near Mr. Woodward's claim. Here he built a two room cabin, to which he brought his bride in 1840.

Naturally a home maker and aided by her modest wedding outfit and the wedding gifts of her girlhood friends, she soon transformed the bare cabin into an attractive and homelike spot, to which many a weary traveller turned, when overtaken by nightfall, in his journey through the forests. Here the itinerant preacher always found a warm welcome and free hospitality. Travellers halted their prairie schooners at their home—for in the lingo of those days, the Riddles "kept tavern". Having almost no conveniences, life became strenuous for the young housewife. But, although burdened with the care of a large family and carrying on the duties of a pioneer, Mrs. Riddle was never too busy or too tired to take an active interest in social and community work, and many a little sewing circle or reading club owed its existence to her leadership.

The Indians and wild beasts were all about them but these pioneer women would make their way to each other's houses for sociability and study. Having abund-

ant opportunity to observe the native flowers and birds, these ambitious women classified, made her bariums, and studied the use of the different medicinal herbs, so that their knowledge became of considerable value in that region where doctors were almost unknown.

A work, near to the hearts of both Mr. and Mrs. Riddle, was that of the church and they helped to establish and maintain services in the log school house or in different homes until churches could be built.

They both lived to see their home town, Wauwatosa, become a beautiful village, with schools and churches. Mr. Riddle was for many years postmaster. After his death in 1869, Mrs. Riddle moved to Appleton, Wisconsin, where she later married the Rev. Joseph Rork and died in 1909. She was buried in the family plot at Wauwatosa.

Of her five children, but one survives, the writer of this sketch, Frances Riddle Cooke, of Kaukauna, Wisconsin.

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CATHERINE ANN HOLMES ATWOOD

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Mrs. Volney Atwood, whose maiden name was Catherine Ann Holmes, was born in Newark, Ohio, August 10, 1819. She was educated at Marion, Ohio, where her father was judge of the county court.

With her father and mother, Judge and Mrs. William Holmes, her sister, Lucinda, and brothers, John and George, she started at the age of sixteen for Wisconsin early in the year of 1836.

Three brothers, William, Thomas and Joshua, had gone to Milwaukee the summer before. There they heard such glowing accounts of the Rock River Valley