

to the Rock River Valley. Here he decided to remain. There were five houses here when he came.

Mr. Janes established a ferry across the river where the Milwaukee Street bridge is now built. A post office was established at this point and the town named Janesville. From then on the town grew rapidly.

The first public school was opened in 1840.

In 1844 the Episcopal Church was formed with six communicants one of which was Catherine Ann Holmes.

In 1843 the population was thirty-three hundred and thirty-three.

In 1843 Catherine Ann Holmes was married to Volney Atwood. Their homestead is the red brick house at the corner of Franklin and Dodge Streets, across from the post office.

MIRIAM CARPENTER EASTMAN

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Miriam Carpenter Eastman was born in Sandy Creek, New York, February 16, 1822, daughter of Asa and Louisa Wood Carpenter, married Enos Eastman in Sandy Creek, New York, January 11, 1844.

In 1849 Miram Carpenter Eastman and family moved to Wisconsin, Mr. Eastman purchasing 160 acres of land for which he paid \$700.00. They moved into a log house the same site on which later they erected a beautiful home. More land was added to the homestead year by year. Mrs. Eastman was a true pioneer; her home was always filled by those less fortunate than herself. Mrs. Eastman was a devout member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Eastman lived together over 50 years, her death occurring January 16, 1914.