

"Her keen mind never lost its zest for life. People, politics, books, travel were of unfailing interest to her."

Harriet Anthony Mears was a lineal descendant of Thomas Seabrook, who assisted in establishing American independence while acting in the capacity of major and lieutenant colonel in the first regiment of Monmouth County, New Jersey and whose son, Stephen Seabrook, was aide de camp and dispatch-bearer to General Washington. The battle of Monmouth was fought on Thomas Seabrook's farm.

She was a member of the John Bell Chapter D. A. R., Madison, Wisconsin.

ELEANOR McCONNELL WARD

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Eleanor McConnell Ward, the wife of Dr. Andrew J. Ward, came to Wisconsin to reside in 1850. She was welcomed in Madison by a group of superior, intellectual women. Mrs. Lathrop, the wife of the Chancellor of the University; Mrs. J. C. Fairchild, the mother of three brave sons; Mrs. Edward Isley, later of Milwaukee; Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. L. W. Hoyt; Mrs. O. M. Conover; Mrs. J. W. Sterling; Mrs. Simeon Mills, the real pioneer; and others who composed the refined society of the pioneer city.

Dr. Ward had served two years in the Mexican war in California, and the year before coming to Wisconsin, himself and wife spent months in Washington, D. C., where they were privileged to meet many prominent men and women of that time.

Dr. Ward had a long line of fighting ancestors. Andrew Ward, Governor of Connecticut in 1634, Captain Peter Ward in the Colonial War, Ichabod Ward, his grandfather, a brave patriot of the War of the Revolution. Mrs. Ward's grandfather served in the war of 1812.

Dr. Andrew J. Ward was a member for four years of the Iron Brigade of the Army of the Potomac. As a surgeon he was in charge of Brigade, Division, and Corps hospitals. Mrs. Ward was with her husband at all times when she could be of any assistance. She spent the summer after the Battle of Gettysburg doing all in her power to alleviate the sufferings of the soldiers in the hospitals there, as she did later at Antietam and other places when she could be of service to her countrymen.

Mrs. Ward was the notable housewife and hostess, with a mind ever at leisure for the contemplation of affairs of State. She was always interesting. Her influence was felt by all who knew her and came in contact with her alert mind. Mrs. Ward's residence was on Carroll Street where the Carnegie Library Building now stands—for eight years, from 1866 to 1910, she lived at 121 Wilson Street West.

MARIA SMITH MILLS

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Maria Smith Mills, wife of Simeon Mills, was born in Sandisfield, Massachusetts, May 21, 1815, and came to Wisconsin in June, 1838.

Mr. Mills had preceded her by a year, and as he was one of the two men who were first on the ground in Madison, she saw the city from its very beginning.

A log dwelling, which had been erected by Mr. Mills for a store, on the corner of East Main and Webster Streets, appears to have been the first home of the family, and it is probably there that Mrs. Mills experienced the difficulties and privations that she would sometimes refer to in later years.

Mr. Mills built a frame house later, where the Bank of Wisconsin now stands, and an office in the yard; these and a white picket fence around them, are in the