

now entirely restored, she has retired from teaching, and is spending her declining years in a well earned leisure, sweetened by the satisfaction that a life well spent has brought to her all that should accompany old age—honor, love, a competence, and hosts of friends.

MRS. CYNTHIA FOOTE CONKEY

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Mrs. Cynthia Foote Conkey, who came so early (1848), with her husband, (Theodore), to their new home in Wisconsin forests, was born at Canton, New York, a daughter of Chauncy and Gula (Bird) Foote. Her mother, Gula Bird, was a daughter of Joseph and Cynthia (Binny) Bird. Joseph Bird, a native of Vermont, served in many bloody battles of the Revolution, was wounded and left under a heap of slain upon the field of Monmouth, his first encounter, at sixteen years of age; but he recovered to rally with the "Green Mountain Boys" for the defeat of Burgoine at Bennington, and lived to a good old age of ninety-three, carrying the British bullet so close to his loyal heart that the surgeons dared not extract it. He sleeps in the shadow of the green hills, he, with others, so bravely defended.

Mrs. Conkey's ancestors, the Binneys, emigrated early from England to Massachusetts, and became the owners of much valuable property in Boston, including what was known as the "Long Wharf."

The children of Cynthia and Theodore Conkey were: Alice Foote Conkey Reid, who died November 21, 1891, in Dublin, Ireland, Edward Talcott Conkey, who died November 18, 1881, Helen Bird Conkey, married (ex-congressman) Lyman Eddy Barnes.

Early in 1861 Theodore Conkey volunteered his services in the war for the suppression of the Rebellion. He was chosen Captain of Company "I", Third Wisconsin Cavalry, and was immediately assigned to active duty on our then western frontier, where, during the ensuing five years he often encountered savages of bronzed and white skins.

Mrs. Conkey shared with her husband, during two summers in Kansas, the perils and privations of war. Under his tutelage she became an expert horsewoman, and, many and thrilling were the experiences she had in the tented field. Undoubtedly she could add much of interest to Mrs. Custer's Boots and Saddles were she so inclined.

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**ALICE FOOTE CONKEY**

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Alice Foote Conkey, at the tender age of six weeks, was brought to Appleton by her parents, arriving by canoe boat from Fond du Lac, in July, 1849. Her father, Theodore Conkey was senator from the first district in 1850. Her mother, Cynthia Byrd (Foote) Conkey, was of true Pilgrim stock, her ancestors having crossed the Atlantic in the Mayflower.

Mr. and Mrs. Conkey had three children: Alice Foote, Edward (deceased) and Helen Byrd, who was married to Lyman Eddy Barnes, August 18, 1880. Miss Alice, the eldest, grew to womanhood 'midst pioneer Appleton. She was graduated from Lawrence College in 1868, and later from Vassar College, and for two years taught mathematics in Northwestern University. She