meetings. She had a splendid memory so that she could entertain by reciting poetry or telling stories of olden times. Her only surviving relative is a great-gandson. She was buried in Rienzi Cemetery, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

**MRS. RHODA McKOON SPENCER**  
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Miss Rhoda McKoon was married April 23, 1840, to Elihu Spencer, in the town of Butler, Wayne County, New York.

Rhoda Spencer traced her ancestry to Roger Williams, the first settler of Rhode Island, and to Martin Luther, the German Reformer, she being of the seventh generation from the former and the thirteenth from the latter.

In the fall of 1845, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, with their three children, emigrated to Wisconsin, settling in what is now Waukesha County, and in 1853, removing to Appleton and locating near Appleton Junction.

Six children were born, of whom two are living: Hulda, who married A. F. Bounds, they having two children, Florence and Hattie, and Flora, who married B. C. Wolter. They have two children living, Mabel and Robert.

Mrs. Spencer’s father, the Rev. William McKoon, belonged to the old time Circuit Rider class and consequently his family were reared in a strictly religious atmosphere, as well as one of great frugality. This environment developed a strength of character which proved a great asset to her in her pioneer life in a new country. She was given to hospitality, and no poor wayfarer was ever turned away from her door empty-handed. Those old pioneers had a wonderful capacity for enlarging their
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