

**MRS. SAMUEL BROWN**  
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**A Pioneer Woman of Wisconsin**

**A Sketch of the Life of Mrs. Samuel Brown, a Former  
Resident of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.**

Clarissa Hoyt Brown was the daughter of Thomas and Susannah Demerritt Hoyt and was born at Tuftonborough, N. H. on the 27th of June, 1813. She remained at Tuftonborough until 1833, when she accompanied her parents to Chicago. There she made the acquaintance of Mr. Brown, to whom she was joined in marriage, February 3, 1834. The newly wedded pair remained at Chicago until the following spring, when, having decided to make their future home in Milwaukee—Mr. Brown having made a claim at Milwaukee in December, 1834—they came to take possession, arriving in March, 1835. On their journey to Milwaukee, Mr. and Mrs. Brown left Chicago on Monday morning, traveling with an ox team, and reached Walker's Point at sunset, Saturday, and being very firm in the belief that the Sabbath began with sunset on Saturday, they spent Sunday there, although their destination was at Killbourntown. Mrs. Brown was the first white woman to make wheat bread in Milwaukee. She had the honor of being the first Anglo-Saxon woman to make a permanent home in the then embryo city. To the day of her death, she occupied a prominent place among her sister pioneers, as a woman of great worth of character and a model wife and mother.

Mrs. Brown was possessed of a strong mind and a dignity of manner that would win the confidence as well as the respect of all with whom she became associated. She was gentle in manner, true to every correct principle, and, like her honored husband, always a safe counselor. In the promotion of the cause of religion she was prominent, and unless prevented by sickness, would always be

found in her accustomed seat at the church, ready to do her whole duty. Of Puritan ancestry she inherited many of those traits of character for which the early settlers of New England were famed,, notable among which were self-reliance, the moral courage to do what she believed to be right, and an unswerving faith in an over-ruling Providence. She was the acknowledged head of the little band of pioneer women, who shared in the toil and privation incident to the settlement of Milwaukee.

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ANNE ELIZABETH VAN DYKE HARRIS

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Anne Elizabeth Van Dyke Harris was born at Lewisburgh, Pa., May 23, 1831. She was the daughter of Lambert Van Dyke and Anne Dale Chamberlain. They came West, arriving at Freeport, Illinois, July 4, 1843. She joined the National Society of the D. A. R. at Freeport, receiving Certificate No. 6,758, dated December 4, 1894. She was a charter member of the Beloit D. A. R., Beloit, Wisconsin, organized in 1896. January, 1917, she died at Beloit at the age of 86 years.

She was a descendant of Charles Dale, of Scottish origin, and who was a member of troops who were sent by King William from England in 1690 to quell the rebellion in Ireland. Samuel Dale, the grandson of Charles Dale came to America in 1763, and settled in Pennsylvania. In 1769 he married Anne, daughter of Samuel and Ruth Steele Futhy. In 1770, when the call was made for "Minute Men", he raised a company of volunteers for the defense of the country against the Indians. He