

Wisconsin. Mrs. Mary Royce Merriman is a loyal member of the Beloit Chapter of the Beloit D. A. R.

Of Mrs. Mary Wadham Hunt we may say the industry of her late years, was but the fulfillment of her matchless youthful energy.

SARAH REED COPELAND FIFIELD

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Sarah Reed Copeland came to Wisconsin from West Bridgewater, Mass., April, 1850. She had just completed her education in a private school in Boston. Came to Wisconsin to keep house for a brother who had taken up land in Jefferson County. The trip was made by boat from Buffalo to Milwaukee, changing boats at Detroit, and took about one week. On arriving in Milwaukee it was learned the stage, which made the trip once a week, had left the day before. A neighbor of her brother's was driving out with a load of goods and offered to take them, so the end of the journey was made in a lumber wagon. I will quote from her letter: "When we first arrived and I saw the house, neither in sight of house or road, it did indeed look desolate and lonely; never before did I so fully feel the privilege and comfort of leaning on Him for support who will not forsake. Have found some very agreeable acquaintances mostly young married women from the east, some of my nearest neighbors are very intelligent, pretty women—have been very kind to me. I feel very grateful for all the attention I have received and think I should rather be a stranger in Wisconsin than in West Bridgewater." In the spring of 1853 she returned to Massachusetts and in October of that year was married to Eldridge G. Fifield and came to Janesville to make her home. She lived until July 1, 1905.