

Although only four years old at this time, the circumstances of this catastrophe were such as to forever impress themselves on the childish mind. The Phoenix burned but a short distance from the port of Sheboygan and many of the survivors were brought into the settlement. One of these, an immigrant girl, was taken into the Ashby home and remained for several months. Food and shelter were furnished the poor unfortunates who had been passengers on this ill-fated boat and they were assisted in every way possible—the Ashby family being most active in this rescue work.

Mrs. Manville was a faithful communicant of the Episcopal church for almost sixty years and was closely identified with the work of the parish during her entire life.

Like many of the pioneer stock, Mrs. Manville was of pure Yankee descent. She traced her ancestors beyond the Revolutionary period and was a direct descendant of General Stark, leader of the "Green Mountain Boys." She was for years a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and even up to within a very short time before her death was a faithful attendant of the meetings and contributed much to the success of the local Chapter by her genial personality, charm of manner, and ready wit.

Elizabeth Ashby Manville was of a most lovable character and included both old and young among her many friends. Her many fine qualities, combined with the interest always aroused by her recollections of the pioneer history of Sheboygan County, made her an outstanding personality and her death a real loss to the community.

PIONEER WOMEN RACINE

Mrs. Milligan was the daughter of John and Sarah Knapp, and sister of Gilbert Knapp, the first settler in Racine. She was married in New York to James Milligan, of Saratoga Springs. After her husband's death in

1825 she accepted her brother's invitation to make her home in Port Gilbert, (present Racine) and she and her three young daughters arrived here August 4, 1835.

Mrs. Milligan lived in Racine until 1874, when she moved to Shawano, Wisconsin, where she died June 10, 1877, aged 85 years and 6 months. She was one of the first members of the first Baptist church in Racine, and retained her membership here until she died.

The other three ladies were the daughters of Mrs. Milligan, who came with her to Racine in 1835. Mrs. Sprague was twice married, her first husband being a Mr. Parsons.

Miss Helen Milligan was born in New York, May 17, 1829, and died three or four years ago at the Protestant Home for the aged, at Milwaukee.

Caroline Milligan Knapp was the wife of Robert Knapp, son of Gilbert Knapp. Robert Knapp was for many years an official of the Racine and Mississippi railroad, during which time they lived in Racine; for a time in what is now the McNitt house in Main street, between Seventh and Eighth, and later for many years in a house directly back of it on Wisconsin Street. They had two sons, Robert and Gilbert.

Mrs. Sarah Milligan (Grandma Milligan) was known to all Shawano; (when I went there as a bride) as "Grandma". We had no trained nurses in that day, and though too feeble to do much, never was there a serious case of illness in which her advice was not given. Cane in hand she was on the street each morning—interested in everything that happened—ready with a helpful word for every emergency, or a comforting one if the occasion was sorrow.

She possessed a keen sense of humor. I remember when one of her relatives was expecting a visit from her betrothed, and Grandma Milligan thought she was giving too many directions about his reception—the manner with which she stood in the doorway—spreading her skirts, and saying, "Here comes the great Mogul."

I watched with Grandma Milligan the last night of her life. Helen, her unmarried daughter had been an invalid for years when young, but had then been well for fifteen years, and at this time had a millinery store, but to her mother she was ever young and needing care. On this her last evening on earth—our good pastor called and I heard him ask, "Shall I pray with you dear friend?" Her answer told better than any words of mind can tell, the unselfishness that had characterized her whole life—"If you will", she said faintly—"but don't mind about me—pray for poor little Helen, for I don't know who will care for her when I am gone." Helen was fifty-six.

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CORDELIA AVERY TRUAX

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Cordelia Avery was born in Allegheny County, New York, March 22, 1830. She married Peter Truax September 23, 1852 and lived on a farm near her home for two years. Having a relative in Southern Wisconsin they decided to come out here.

They sold the farm, packed what they needed and could be taken with them and started in what she called a "breaking team." Oxen were used with it.

They drove to Buffalo where they took a boat which brought them to Sheboygan.

They rented a wheat farm of one hundred acres in Big Foot Prairie. Having a good crop the first year they sold it at the market in Kenosha. That fall they decided to come north. In the spring of 1855 they loaded their household goods in a wagon, also a crate of chickens, and tied a three year old colt to the back, and with a fine horse team were ready to start. Mrs. Truax's brother was with them so he drove the two ox-team hitched to another wagon containing chains, ox plows, and other equipment for breaking land. He also had a