

consin, who had been a partner of Dr. Wood's son, J. W. Wood in California, whither the young men had gone in 1849, with thousands of others who went in search of the Eldorado. Mrs. Wood lost her daughter, Naomi, to Mr. Crawford, when he came to Walworth to visit his former partner on their return from California in 1852.

The family of Dr. and Mrs. Wood scattered as all families have a way of doing and after living for so long the strenuous life of a "Doctor of the Old School", the Doctor's health began to fail and he retired from practice. They moved to Baraboo, where their daughter, Naomi was living and there passed their remaining years. Dr. Wood died in 1868, aged 69 years, and Mrs. Wood lived fourteen years without the companion of her youth and active life.

Though deprived of her husband's society so long she was brave, beautiful and interesting to the last. She was one of the pioneer women of Wisconsin who helped materially and spiritually in making Wisconsin the wonderful community that it was for so many years. She was a descendant of the original Sharpless family that settled in Philadelphia and Chester County, Pennsylvania and went with her daughter, Naomi D. Crawford to attend the two hundredth anniversary of their settlement in America, celebrated in Chester County, Pennsylvania in 1882. Naomi Davis Wood was a queenly woman fitted by nature to fill any position of whatever responsibility or prominence.

MRS. JOHN B. CRAWFORD

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Naomi Davis Wood, with her husband, John B. Crawford, established their home in Baraboo, Wisconsin, in 1853, and became influential citizens, contributing muchly to the high character of that town. John B. Crawford's mother, Hannah Barnes, was the daughter of John

Barnes and wife, of New York, who served in the war of 1812 and whose ancestors served in the Revolutionary war also. She and her husband, Colonel Alexander Crawford came from the east and settled in Baraboo, in 1844. Alexander Crawford was the son of Joseph Crawford who served in the Revolutionary War and his wife, Margaret Shankland, who endured terrible endurances at the time of the massacre of Cherry Valley. Her father was Robert Shankland, who also rendered service in the cause of liberty. Thus John B. Crawford and his wife, Naomi, had in their blood feelings of patriotism, as well as principles of high honor and integrity. Their mothers, Hannah Barnes Crawford and Naomi Davis Wood were noble examples of brave, capable, refined Christian women doing their full share in making early Wisconsin so fine. Other elements have since those days come in with their alien influences which the descendants of these early patriots must strenuously battle against to preserve our great institutions and our federal Constitution.

Like her mother Naomi Wood Crawford conducted her home with efficiency. She had six children, one dying in infancy with scarlet fever. Two daughters passed away in early womanhood, but the eldest daughter and the two sons lived to bear their part in mature active life. Mrs. Crawford was a woman of unusual beauty, sparkling wit, and extraordinary good sense; an ornament to society, a spiritual force in her circle and the idol of her children and friends. She and her husband moved to Sumner, Washington, where he died early in 1893. The lovely daughter Mary passed away in November of that year and the two bereavements broke her frail strength. She and her son, Lewis, returned to Wisconsin and in June, 1895, Naomi Wood Crawford slipped away from this world at the age of sixty-seven years. Thus the world lost a lovely personality enshrined in a body of unusual grace and charm.

She left her sons, J. C. Crawford and Lewis A. Crawford and daughter Alice C. Bailey to cherish her memory and to emulate her virtues.