

Dr. Andrew J. Ward was a member for four years of the Iron Brigade of the Army of the Potomac. As a surgeon he was in charge of Brigade, Division, and Corps hospitals. Mrs. Ward was with her husband at all times when she could be of any assistance. She spent the summer after the Battle of Gettysburg doing all in her power to alleviate the sufferings of the soldiers in the hospitals there, as she did later at Antietam and other places when she could be of service to her countrymen.

Mrs. Ward was the notable housewife and hostess, with a mind ever at leisure for the contemplation of affairs of State. She was always interesting. Her influence was felt by all who knew her and came in contact with her alert mind. Mrs. Ward's residence was on Carroll Street where the Carnegie Library Building now stands—for eight years, from 1866 to 1910, she lived at 121 Wilson Street West.

MARIA SMITH MILLS

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Maria Smith Mills, wife of Simeon Mills, was born in Sandisfield, Massachusetts, May 21, 1815, and came to Wisconsin in June, 1838.

Mr. Mills had preceded her by a year, and as he was one of the two men who were first on the ground in Madison, she saw the city from its very beginning.

A log dwelling, which had been erected by Mr. Mills for a store, on the corner of East Main and Webster Streets, appears to have been the first home of the family, and it is probably there that Mrs. Mills experienced the difficulties and privations that she would sometimes refer to in later years.

Mr. Mills built a frame house later, where the Bank of Wisconsin now stands, and an office in the yard; these and a white picket fence around them, are in the

memory of people still living. It was in her first home that she endured, among other discomforts, that of the use of green wood, also such privations as were inevitable from the defective transportation.

She used to tell how, if any article of use or convenience failed, she simply went without it, until the roads—impassible for months at a time—became such as enabled the men to get to Milwaukee. It was not the shortage of money, but of transportation that rendered life so restricted in those years. She was a typical pioneer wife and devoted mother. Of the four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Mills, there is no direct descendant in the third generation. She died in June, 1884.

MRS. J. M. BOWMAN

One of Madison's Prominent Pioneers

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Mrs. J. M. Bowman, whose maiden name was Rose-lah Mariah Smith, was a descendant of Lieutenant Samuel Smith on her father's side, whose son, Capt. Asa Smith, served in the American Revolution.

Lieut. Samuel Smith sailed from Ipswich, England, (Suffolk County), on April 21, 1634. His great grandson, Deacon Aaron Smith, settled in what is now Athol, Massachusetts, in the spring of 1736 and built a fine old home. There Rose, as she was called, was born, August 31, 1834. On January 3, 1854, she married Samuel Hunter Donnel.

In 1855 they came to Madison where the husband was an eminent architect—a member of the firm of Kutzbock & Donnel. The latter were the architects for the second Wisconsin State Capitol, built in 1857-58, and used until replaced by our present Capitol. Upon arriving in Madison the Donnels boarded at the home of David H. Wright, next to our City Library.