

Early in 1861 Theodore Conkey volunteered his services in the war for the suppression of the Rebellion. He was chosen Captain of Company "I", Third Wisconsin Cavalry, and was immediately assigned to active duty on our then western frontier, where, during the ensuing five years he often encountered savages of bronzed and white skins.

Mrs. Conkey shared with her husband, during two summers in Kansas, the perils and privations of war. Under his tutelage she became an expert horsewoman, and, many and thrilling were the experiences she had in the tented field. Undoubtedly she could add much of interest to Mrs. Custer's Boots and Saddles were she so inclined.

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**ALICE FOOTE CONKEY**

Author—Mrs. Alice Waters Jones

Appleton

Alice Foote Conkey, at the tender age of six weeks, was brought to Appleton by her parents, arriving by canoe boat from Fond du Lac, in July, 1849. Her father, Theodore Conkey was senator from the first district in 1850. Her mother, Cynthia Byrd (Foote) Conkey, was of true Pilgrim stock, her ancestors having crossed the Atlantic in the Mayflower.

Mr. and Mrs. Conkey had three children: Alice Foote, Edward (deceased) and Helen Byrd, who was married to Lyman Eddy Barnes, August 18, 1880. Miss Alice, the eldest, grew to womanhood 'midst pioneer Appleton. She was graduated from Lawrence College in 1868, and later from Vassar College, and for two years taught mathematics in Northwestern University. She

was married to Alexander James Reid, January 1875 and passed away December 21, 1891, in Dublin, Ireland, where Mr. Reid had been appointed consul.

When Mrs. Reid's casket was brought back to her childhood home, it was completely enwrapped in a great American flag, placed by sorrowing friends abroad.

Later, Mrs. Reid's poems were done into small white and gold volumes, not for general distribution, but given by a bereaved husband to friends who loved this gifted woman—a woman of rare sweetness of character and strong personality, one who had an instinctive respect for upright dealing, and who was filled with an inner love of truth, justice and honor.

She was indeed "A perfect woman, nobly planned,  
To warn, to comfort and command."

MARY ELEANOR JEWELL SAWYER  
Author—Gene Sturtevant  
Oshkosh

1842—1910

Mary Eleanor Jewell Sawyer was born in Canaan, New York, on July 2, 1842. She was a year old, when her parents, Henry C. and Mary Russell Jewell, came to Wisconsin in 1843. The family located in Marquette County, remaining there until 1848, when they removed to Oshkosh, where Mr. Jewell established himself in business, operating a sawmill, a grist mill, and conducting a general store in that section of the city known as Algoma, called in recent years "West" Algoma.

In 1864, after having completed her education at a school for young ladies in Milwaukee, the marriage of