

B. Bostwick, Mrs. A. W. Mayhew, Mark Bostwick, and Mary L. Bostwick. Mr. Bostwick died July 23, 1913. He was a resident of Janesville for sixty-six years, and for fifty years of that time was identified with the mercantile business of the city.

ANNA WEALTHY MOODY FLACK

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Anna Moody was born at South Hadley, Massachusetts, July 30, 1830; married January 26, 1882 to David L. Flack at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Died at Elkhorn, October 1, 1909, after sixteen years of widowhood and two years of failing health.

She was the seventh of ten children of Spencer Moody and Wealthy Montague. Her brother, Austin Moody of Lake Geneva and Duluth was the surviving member of the family. Her ancestors came early to New England and were of that choice seed which God winnowed from four kingdoms for sowing these colonies.

At fifteen she was a teacher at Northfield.

She laid the basis of her higher usefulness by entering and graduating from Mt. Holyoke Seminary.

She taught a few years in Eaton School, New Haven. The lure of the West, the far west of Wisconsin was upon her. Accompanied by her brother, she reached Wisconsin in June, 1858. We will quote her own words in her address at a reunion of her former pupils at Lake Geneva, August 19, 1903: "When I came, it was too late to engage a school for that year. In January of the year following, I was invited to teach a school of eighty young men and women at Genoa, completing the work at the end of the school year.

"September, 1859, I commenced teaching over Beamsley's, with twenty pupils. Some of these went to the war, while the girls formed a knitting circle. The mittens had fingers as well as thumbs.

"In 1863, by invitation, I went to Madison, taking some of my pupils with me. Dismayed at the closing of the Genoa school, my patrons erected a large two story frame building for me, upon a bluff overlooking the town and beautiful Lake Geneva. The school was established and named Lake Geneva Seminary. The school had greatly increased in number, so that I was obliged to have assistants. I have come not to talk but to take you by hand."

The school continued from 1859.

The writer will now give a personal reminiscence.

It is August, 1865, a girl just thirteen is joyously picking hops with a bevy of boys and girls on a large farm in North Geneva. All are striving to fill a box first.

A double-seated "democrat" looms in view, a familiar form appears. The voice says, "Nettie, you must come at once with me, next week, Miss Moody's school session begins and you are to attend her school. Good-bye girls. The thrill of the years has begun. Miss Moody as she appeared was a tall, slender brunette. Her movements were extremely graceful. Her dark eyes sparkled with brilliancy. Her face wore smiles. Her voice was soft and gentle.

I was a little girl lost in a crowd of young men and women and must sit on the front seat. This was a point of advantage to observe all the movements of the teachers.

Mary Allen (Mrs. Hiram Curtis), Frank Allen, (Mrs. Cheever), with her dancing brown curls, and Miss Catherine Lily, were able assistants. Of that school, daytime was not enough, as in my dreams, I would say aloud, "It is so; it must be so; Miss Moody says it's so."

Those were the stirring times of the Civil War period. We sang songs each day.

"Ye Harps of Freedom Wake to Glory".

"Hark, Hark, What Myriads Bid You Rise".

"On Ye Patriots to the Battle".

"The Flag of our Union".

Subsequently, Miss Moody taught in Whitewater Normal and at a reunion of its Alumni, Miss Moody, (Mrs. David L. Flack), Mrs. Ruth Wales———, who had been under her instruction in both schools were among the 194 guests present. Miss Moody taught eleven years at Oshkosh Normal School and did not retire to the quiet of home life until she had reached an advanced age.

After the lapse of more than fifty years, December 29, 1922, the inspiration she gave is still bearing onward, all former pupils who remain to cherish her memory.

Miss Anna L. Moody was a pioneer instructor in the state of Wisconsin antedating and foreshadowing the organization of Normal school by the state.

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Mrs. Frank S. Kent, 635 Park Ave., Beloit, Wisconsin, December 27, 1922.

MARCIA HAMMOND BALDWIN

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Marcia Hammond, daughter of Holmes and Sarah (Marcy) Hammond, was born at Ludlow, Vermont, December 24, 1834.

The ancestors of both her parents were among the earliest settlers of New England.

In the troublous times of the 1630's William Hammond of London, England died. His widow, Elizabeth Penn Hammond, "desiring liberty to worship God according to the dictates of her conscience", left a good estate in London and came to the new world in the ship Griffin, landing at Boston, Massachusetts, September 18, 1634.

She was a sister of Sir William Penn, Admiral of the British Navy, father of William Penn the Quaker.