

the town and used to walk to Chicago and Milwaukee to buy his goods. Their wedding trip consisted of driving a horse and buggy across country to Milwaukee, the first stop being Johnstown. (Looking at it from this day it may seem to have been a tiresome wedding trip, of more than one hundred and forty miles in a buggy). For some time Mr. and Mrs. Lappin lived in the little red brick farm house about a mile north of the city on the River Road.

Mrs. Lappin was one of the founders of Christ Episcopal Church and a daughter of the American Revolution. She was one of the pioneers who had to do with the building of the city and the impress of her life dates back to the town which she found on the banks of the river when she came to it as a young girl with her parents. No eulogy can add to such a life. The city is better because she walked its streets and mingled in its homes for three quarters of a century.

There were born to Mrs. Lappin four daughters, three of whom, Mrs. Edwin F. Carpenter, Mrs. Henry A. Doty and Mrs. Charles S. Putnam are still living.

Mrs. Lappin died September 25, 1914.

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CLARA WINTERS EVERETT

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Mrs. Everett was one of the pioneer teachers in Winnebago County. She was born in 1837 in Woodstock, Illinois, where she received her early education in the district school. When she was fourteen, the family moved to Wisconsin and settled on a farm in the town of Utica. Mr. and Mrs. Winters were pioneer farmers of Wisconsin working hard to clear their land. There were no fences in those days and one farmer, a neighbor of theirs, relates how the three little girls of Mr. Winters,

one of which was Clara Winters, were obliged to hunt for their cows every morning. One day they were so cold he called them into his house and told them to stay there and get warm and he would find the cows.

At the age of fifteen, Clara Winters became a teacher in the rural school near their home and earned money to educate herself. The family moved to Oshkosh so she and her sisters could attend High School. After finishing the High School, she attended Rockford College, at that time a Seminary. She graduated in 1865 and secured a position as teacher in the high school at Oshkosh. In 1869 she married John Everett, Principal of the High School. Her father had died and she and her sister, Hannah Winters, were supporting their mother, an invalid sister and an aunt so Mrs. Everett continued to teach. In 1873 Mr. Everett died leaving Mrs. Everett with two small children. A few years later, on the death of the younger sister, Hannah Winters, had to give up teaching to take charge of the home so Mrs. Everett became the sole support of the family.

Mrs. Everett was an excellent teacher. She was considered the finest latin teacher in the states and when she wished to resign after teaching forty years the school board persuaded her to teach half of each day. This she did for five years more. Finally in 1910, after teaching forty-five years in the High School, she resigned completely. She died in the fall of 1913.

Clara Winters Everett was a very faithful teacher and helped to build up a first class High School. She was a favorite with the students as well as with the teachers. Every morning she entered upon her school work with such energy and goodwill it was radiated to those about her. She was an inspiration to the students to work and make something of themselves. The school increased in number from less than one hundred in 1865 to 800 in 1910, and owes to Mrs. Everett much of its increasing excellence.