

an honest purpose in his acts and words. He was educated as a farmer, but became an accurate and practical surveyor. He was a good salesman, a hard worker, and a steady and faithful friend.

LUCIUS A. WHEELER. — He was born at Milton, Chittenden County, Vt., March 9, 1828. His father was a farmer in humble circumstances, and moved to Western New York when he was about five years of age. After receiving his early education in a public school, he entered a collegiate institute at the age of thirteen, to prepare for college. His health proving too poor, he entered a country store at the age of fourteen, where he remained six years. He was made a partner in the business, and was an indefatigable worker. When twenty-two years of age, over-work compelled him to seek a change. After a season of rest, he went to Dunkirk, where he opened a dry-goods store, and soon established a flourishing business. At the expiration of four years, the parent-house failed, involving Mr. Wheeler in liabilities amounting to sixty-five thousand dollars. Six months previous to this, he was married to Miss Helen C. Van Buren, on May 17, 1855. Not at all discouraged or disheartened, he gave up all to his creditors, and immediately started westward. He visited several cities, but settled in Milwaukee, in 1856, with less than one hundred dollars. After a week's search, he secured a situation in a clothing-house. After a year's time, he received a situation in the dry-goods house of the Bradford Brothers, where he remained a year. He then went to New York, and succeeded in getting released from nearly all the claims against the old house. With the aid of an uncle and a former townsman, he purchased a very small stock of goods, and returned to Milwaukee. He was afterwards joined by a brother-in-law. The little store soon became popular, and business increased, when they moved to larger apartments. His brother returned to Dunkirk, leaving him to conduct the business alone. A wholesale department was opened; and the business grew rapidly. As often as was necessary, he removed to larger places, until 1872, when he settled in his present elegant abode. He gives special attention to the best retail trade; and has a large and constantly increasing business. Mr. Wheeler is an active Christian, which is due, in a degree, to his early religious instruction.

JUDGE DAVID W. SMALL. — He was born at Frankfort, Philadelphia County, Penn., Dec. 18, 1827. His parents belonged to the Society of Friends, and were farmers. He lived on the farm until he was sixteen years old; and attended the public schools during the winter months. He was a student in the Moravian College at Nazareth for two years. At eighteen years of age, he began teaching, and reading law. In April, 1850, he was admitted to the bar at Doylestown. The following month, he went to Oconomowoc, Wis. At first his law-business was not very prosperous, and he combined the duties of a surveyor with his profession until 1851. By this time his business had increased to such an extent as to occupy his entire time. In 1851 he was elected path-master of his ward. In 1862 he was elected district-attorney for Waukesha County, on the Democratic ticket, to which office he was subsequently re-elected once or twice. In 1869 he was elected judge of the Second Judicial Circuit. In 1875 he was re-elected by a large majority. Judge Small resides upon, and cultivates, a small farm near the village. Judge Small was born and brought up in the Society of Friends, and still believes in their fundamental principles. His wife's maiden name was Susannah Ely. They have three children.

HON. WYMAN SPOONER. — He was born at Hardwick, Worcester County, Mass., July 2, 1795. His father was a farmer, and he lived at home, attending school in the winter, until fourteen years of age. He went to Vermont, and became an apprentice in a printing-office. When about twenty-one, he commenced the publication of a weekly newspaper, which he continued for about twelve years. He then began the study of law, and was admitted to its practice in 1823. From his long continuance in, and his associations with, Vermont, he claims, without repudiating the paternity of his native State, to be a "Green Mountain Boy." In 1842 he removed to Wisconsin, and in 1843 he settled in Elkhorn, Walworth County, where he has ever since resided. In 1846, he was elected judge of probate, which office he held until the probate was merged into the county court.

In 1853 he was appointed circuit judge; which position he held until the election of Judge Doolittle. He was elected to the assembly in 1850, 1851, 1857, and 1861. In 1857 he was