

FRANKLIN SWETT was born in the town of LaGrange, Walworth county, Wis., March 25, 1845, and moved with his parents to the town of Empire, Fond du Lac county, in 1846, where he lived until 1882, at which time he moved to the town of Waupun where he owned a farm of 173 acres which he sold and moved to the city of Fond du Lac. He was a carpenter and builder, spent four years in the study of architecture, two years of which were spent with Fernekes and Doliver, architects in Milwaukee.

He has designed over thirty fine residences in the city of Fond du Lac. He has held various positions of trust and has held different school offices, was assessor of the town of Empire and is at present secretary of the Fond du Lac County Old Settlers' Club.

H. E. SWETT was born at the town of Empire in this county September 9, 1864. He graduated from the Oshkosh Normal school in 1891. He was a member of the faculty of that school and taught in the city schools at Oshkosh. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1894. He was district attorney of this county for four years.

GOV. N. P. TALLMADGE was born in Chatham county, N. Y., Feb. 8, 1795. He was elected to the United States senate from the state of New York March 4, 1833, in which capacity he served until he was appointed territorial governor of Wisconsin in 1844, at which time he settled in the town of Empire, Fond du Lac county. He purchased a large tract of land about four miles south-east of Fond du Lac and called his home Rienzi. Realizing that provision must be made for death as well as life he selected the present location of Rienzi cemetery, giving ten acres for the same, reserving the high ground opposite the entrance for a private burial ground for himself and his descendants. More than fifty of them are now buried there.

MAJOR WILLIAM R. TALLMADGE was born February 27, 1800 and died January 2, 1880. He was the brother of Governor Tallmadge and emigrated in 1845. He bought eight hundred acres of government land at Calumet Harbor and turned his attention to tilling it and raising stock. This Major Tallmadge was the first owner of the old plank road between Fond du Lac and Calumet which is now the only existing toll road in the state and the only road from Taycheedah to Fond du Lac. In 1846 there were seventeen young men of the Tallmadge family who married and raised families. At this date Miss Lola Tallmadge, and the widow and daughter of R. G. Tallmadge, are the only residents of Fond du Lac to represent the name.

REV. FATHER M. J. TAUGHER was ordained as priest June 24, 1878. He accepted a call to this city as pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church in 1886, and served until his death in the year 1911, a period of twenty-five years.

PAUL THIEL, register of deeds for Fond du Lac county, was born in Ripon, Jan. 23, 1880, and was elected to his present position in 1910.

JOSEPH TRELEVEN was born in Cornwall, England, August 28, 1814, and came to Fond du Lac in 1843.

GEORGE W. WATSON, born in the town of Eldorado, May 28, 1860, graduated from Oshkosh Normal school in 1895, was sheriff in 1894 and 1895 and is at present the postmaster of Fond du Lac.

JAMES WM. WATSON, born in Rocksboroughshire, Scotland, February 14, 1849, came to the town of Springvale, Fond du Lac county, 1862, was clerk of the court from 1884 to 1888, began the practice of law in 1888, was elected to the state assembly the same year, was elected chairman of the committee on state affairs in 1891, was a member of the United States Overflow Committee. Died May 21, 1910.

G. W. WHITE, engaged in the business of furniture and undertaking in the village of Oakfield.

THURSTON WILCOX, born in Vermont, in 1829, came with his father, Seymour Wilcox, in 1839 to what is now the city of Waupun. He was the first white settler to locate there and is the earliest white settler living in the state.

BENJAMIN WILD, SR., was born in Burslem, Staffordshire, Eng., in the year 1828. He came to America in 1850, first settling in Milwaukee, where for six years he had charge of a