

veloping oil wells and the petroleum trade in Canada with moderate profit. In 1868 he engaged at Grand Haven in the storage, forwarding and commission business, in which he remained until about 1885, when he returned to Grand Rapids. Mr. Winsor was always a busy man. He could never be idle. Socially he was genial and pleasant, and uniformly friendly. He died August 2, 1890.

Jacob W. Winsor was but a lad of eighteen years when he came to Grand Rapids in 1834. He was born at Skaneateles, N. Y., June 11, 1816. He was the son of Darius and Sally Winsor, who came with the Dexter colony to Ionia in the spring of 1833, to which place he also came in the same year. It is related that on his way he purchased an Indian pony, but before arriving at his destination was one night attacked by wolves, whereupon he tied the pony and betook himself to a tree top until daylight. He escaped the wolves, but lost his pony. He was an energetic young man, and ready for almost any work he could find to do. During the first three or four years here he was engaged in the Indian trade, and learned to speak the Indian language fluently. At the time of the great flood in the river, in the early part of 1838, he, at much peril to himself, caught a flat-bottomed boat which came down with the ice, and by its use rescued a family from the upper part of a building that was surrounded by the raging waters at the foot of Huron street. In 1844 he engaged in building, for himself, the Faneuil Hall block, above the head of Market on Monroe street. With but little means, but indefatigable energy, he drew stone from the river, and in the following year completed a contract of which time was the essence, thereby holding his lot and the building. From that time onward through life he was ever the rough-and-ready, energetic, bustling, pushing citizen, known to all residents, outspoken in opinion, jocose, combative in action, putting on no airs, making no polished pretenses, yet tender and sympathetic, with open hand and charitable impulses. In partnership with his brother Zenas the two had for some years an extensive business in trade and in lumbering. In 1851 he erected a neat stone house for a residence on Washington street. Several years later he removed and built another pretty house a little east of the city limits. Mr. Winsor had unbounded faith in the growth of Grand Rapids, and in the development of