

gaged in manufacturing and trade, and contributed much to the growth and development of the city during the first twenty years of its corporate existence. He was widely known and highly respected.

**Truman H. Lyon** was a native of Shelburne, Vermont, who came to Michigan in 1836 and to Grand Rapids in 1840, and resided here until his death, thirty-one years later, at the age of 71. He was prominent in active business life, and filled a number of positions of public trust and responsibility. He served two terms as Postmaster, and in 1854 was in the State Legislature. In 1856 he built the brick block at 14 Canal street, long known as Masonic Hall, which was considered an elegant structure for those days. He was a prominent Mason and Master of Grand River Lodge No. 34, a number of years. In politics he was a Jacksonian Democrat, and in religious affiliation an Episcopalian. He was a citizen of sterling uprightness, and true gentility of character.

**Wilder D. Foster** was a native of Orange county, New York. He came to Grand Rapids in 1838, and resided here until he died, September 20, 1873, aged 54 years. He began life as a mechanic in a tin shop, and was among the founders of the hardware trade here. For more than a quarter of a century he was at the head of a trade which made him well known throughout the state. As a successful merchant, a public-spirited citizen and an honest man, he won the explicit confidence of all who knew him. He was an industrious, practical, earnest man, a man of principle and good judgment, and was often called to public stations of trust and responsibility. In city offices, from Alderman to Mayor; in the State Legislature, and in Congress, his scrupulously fidelity won universal commendation. In politics he was an ardent Republican. He was not a church member, but a regular attendant at the Congregational Church, of which his wife was a member. He married in 1849 Fanny Lovell, of Ionia. His home life was a happy one. Modest, self-reliant, honest, amiable and whole-hearted, he left behind him the rich heritage of a good name.

**Philander Tracy**, a native of Cayuga county, New York, began active life as a sailor on the lakes, between Buffalo and Chicago, and with his schooner visited Grand Haven as early as 1824. He came to Grand Rapids in 1836. Two years later he moved to