

He was a quiet, unassuming citizen, and Secretary of the Kent County Agricultural Society in its early years. He died at Canandaigua, New York, in 1876.

John Mathison, a native of England, came here in 1838, and was a resident until his death—about forty-two years afterwards. He was a tailor, and followed that trade and the business of a merchant clothier, near the lower end of Monroe street.

James H. Scott, about 1842, came from Oswego county, New York, and was a pioneer in pail manufacturing. He resided here during life, a period of thirty-six years, and left a pleasant memory as an enterprising citizen and genial gentleman.

Lewis Porter came from Chicago about 1848, and opened, where the Pantlind Hotel now stands, the first store devoted exclusively to the clothing trade. In 1856 he built a brick block at 17 Canal street. In 1867 he removed to Washington. Afterward he purchased the old Congregational church property, where the Porter Block now stands. He died suddenly in Washington, February 11, 1882.

Henry H. Philbrick, a teacher of music, came to Grand Rapids about 1840, and erected a square wood cottage on Fulton street, just east of the park. In 1866 he removed to California, and died there about sixteen years later.

Joel Philbrick came in 1848, and settled at the corner of Fulton and Barclay streets, at which time there were only two or three houses east of him on the north side of Fulton street. He resided on or near that spot upward of a quarter of a century.

Gaius S. Deane was a Vermonter. He came to Lyons in 1837, and to Grand Rapids in 1843. Here until his death, a period of forty years, he was engaged as a foundryman and dealer in castings. He was a thoroughly upright man who enjoyed the highest respect and most implicit confidence of his fellow-citizens.

Luman R. Atwater came from Vermont in 1837, and resided in Grand Rapids ever after. He was a mechanic, but followed besides a variety of occupations and professions, always with strict honesty and propriety. An unswerving prohibitionist, regular and methodical in habits, through life he was a conspicuous exemplar of conscientious integrity. He died July 23, 1892.

William Sibley was a navigator upon the river about as soon as there were any boats to command, and was a popular steam-