

Grand Rapids Lyceum, the Lyceum of Natural History and the Kent Scientific Institute, and served as President and on prominent committees in each of them. He made many explorations, and accumulated a rare and valuable collection of natural objects and antique relics. He was a life-long temperance man, and in politics an unswerving Republican. He was also for many years connected with the Odd Fellows and the Masonic order. Than his, few or none leave a better record of honor and manliness. From 1881 he was six years one of the County Superintendents of the Poor, and nowhere more heartily than among the poor was his kindness or his integrity recognized and appreciated. For his natural nobility and sterling worth he is held in affectionate memory.

**Charles Rathbun** came to Grand Rapids in 1844. He was a native of Cayuga county, N. Y. Here he was proprietor of the Rathbun House about eight years, and in 1852 retired to a farm in Paris township. He was a man of robust frame, strong will and temperate habits. He died in 1875, aged 79 years.

**William H. Withey** came from Vermont and built a saw mill some miles above the Rapids, in 1837-38, and for twenty-eight years was prominent in business enterprises, including staging to Battle Creek and Kalamazoo, and constructing the Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids Plank Road.

**Julius Granger** began as a manufacturer, on the east-side canal, at the "Big Mill," and was afterward a bustling, jolly landlord, as well as stage proprietor, and an enterprising citizen. He came here from Ohio in 1844, and lived here till his death, twenty-seven years afterwards.

**Abraham W. Pike** was born October 5, 1814, in Warren County, Ohio. His father was a settler on the site of Richmond, Indiana, and owned a farm there. He early drifted into the Indian trade and often acted as government interpreter. For some time he was located at Niles and St. Joseph in Barrien County. He was in charge of the property of the Post Sheldon Land Company at Pigeon Lake in 1841, and in 1842 was commissioned postmaster at Port Sheldon. He came to Grand Rapids in 1844 which has since been his home. He built a house on Fulton Street between Jefferson Avenue and Lafayette Street which for sixty years has been a landmark because of its white pillars, which were brought from the hotel at Port Sheldon when it was abandoned.