

The Aftermath

and I went to Appleton in the afternoon, where I saw Frisbie Jackson's folks. There was quite a snow storm as we returned to Menasha.

Started for home Dec. 4th, and arrived at LaCrosse at II P.M. and put up at the St. Nicholas House. Took the stage the next day at 10 A.M. for Winona. Arrived there at four thirty P.M. Stopped overnight at the Duff House. At five the next morning I took the cars and went as far as Kasson, the end of the line. From there I went by Stage to Faribault, where I arrived at three thirty P.M. Got home at seven oclock that evening.

On this trip to Wisconsin, which could be made nicely in one day with a modern car, he had to stop overnight in two different towns. He traveled by steamboat, train and stage coach. (M.H.B.)

☆ BY OX TEAM UP THE MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY 1866

May 14, 1866, Dad and two other men, Mr. Broeffe and Mr. Frink, started from near Morrystown, Minnesota on a trip up the Minnesota River Valley. They had two wagons and two yoke of cattle. They were looking for free land, homestead land. Many people were moving west after the war. The young men, many of them their homes broken up by the war, uneasy, and they followed the crowd. That crowd headed west for the free land that Uncle Sam was giving away.

They got started about 7 A.M. according to Dad's diary. He must have had a watch, for he notes the hour and half hour quite often. They took along rations for themselves and some grain for the cattle although the cattle did feed on the grass a lot. They had the cooking utensils and plenty of coffee, and a bit of tea. They followed the trail thru the woods, headed for St. Peter where they entered the river valley.

From here on I will tell the story as nearly as we can as it was written in the diary. (M.H.B.)

We made about 24 miles the first day, and camped one half mile beyond Cleveland. Next day we arrived at St. Peter about 1 P.M.