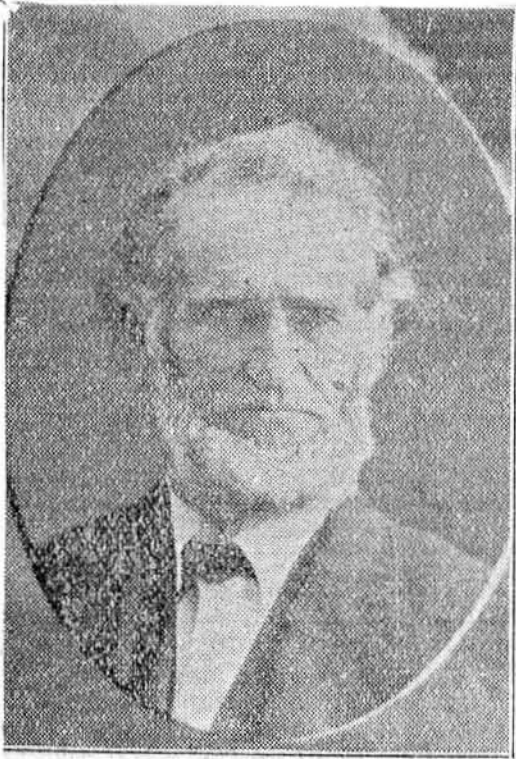


obit. Parsons, Jonathan
April 26, 1811 to June 14, 1876



Jonathan Parsons.

Above we publish the portrait of Jonathan Parsons, early settler of Eagle, whose memory has been kept fresh in the minds of the children by his liberal gift to the M. E. Sunday school. The anniversary of his late death was commemorated in a fitting manner by the school and a committee by holding exercises at Jericho and decorating his grave. Mr. Parsons was born April 26, 1811, in Coos Co., N. H. His parents had nine children. In 1836 the subject of this sketch came to Waukesha county with his father and brothers, Jerry and Lamas. The father settled on the Barber farm, now owned by H. Houston, Lamas on the T. J. Sprague farm, Jerry on the Pitcher farm, Jonathan on the A. T. Stebbins farm. Wm. Sherman, a brother-in-law, settled on the Burton farm. Jonathan built the first farm house in Eagle in 1840; was married to Jane Cross of Kenosha, by whom he had six children, Henry, Edwin W., George, Horace, Gertrude and Mary.

In 1842 he was a member of the Territorial legislature. In 1859 he built the present brick residence on the homestead. In June 14, 1876, he departed this life, leaving as a monument to his memory, a legacy to the Sunday School. He was a consistent Methodist, highly respected and did much for the good of church and state.