

SPECIAL MENTION

Matthias J. Bovee was born in Amsterdam, N.Y. in 1793. When he was still in his teens he taught school in winter and worked on a farm in summer. He represented his town for a number of times on the county board and was several times chairman of the board. In 1825 he was elected a member of the assembly in New York. In 1834 he was elected to congress and represented his district two years in congress. In 1843 he and his family consisting of his wife, nine children, his mother and other relatives moved to Wisconsin and settled in Eagle township.

I think the records will show that he bought a whole section of land reaching from Charles Cruver's down to what is now Eagle Lake.

Marvin H. Bovee, son of Matthias Bovee, worked in four different territories in an effort to have capital punishment abolished. He finally succeeded in one territory - Wisconsin. Today there is no capital punishment in Wisconsin due to the efforts of Marvin H. Bovee.