

Antone Precourt

was born in Lower Canada July 2d 1820 from English parents
He attended French Schools until fifteen years of age
After this His father died who was an English officer and he
went to live with his grandfather Precourt where he remained
until he was 15 years old when he began working for his
uncle at 3 Rivers Canada learning the Bakers trade

Two years later He with 18 others came to Green Bay Wisconsin
from here he started on foot with two companions for
Fort Winnebago where he found employment at 26 dollars per
month. and at Grand Rapids Lumbering Here he remained many
years logging making Shingles and running the river. In about
1845 Amazah Hayden who had married Amanda Yong both formerly
from the state of Maine and who was running the lower or Braw-
ley Saw Mill on Mill creek took Mr Precourt in Company with him
Mr Precourt having married Louis Yong a sister to Mrs Hayden
who came to Wis with her sister Mary who married John Boishey
in 1845

They remained in Company a year or two when Harrison Yong
a brother to Mrs Hayden went in Company with Mr Hayden and
Mr Precourt and Bousier in 1849 made claims upon Little or Whig
Prairie now Stoughton in Portage Co Wis Their claims were on
the east side of the Prairie where they remained as farmers un-
till they died and where their families still remain at this
time there had been no survey of the Indian lands

In 1852 the U. S. Govt. made a survey and put the lands
upon the Markett when they purchased them at \$1.25 per acre.
These two claims & one made by John L. Moore who built the
Little Bull Saw Mills in 1842 were the 3 first claims made
and improved in Stoughton and S. A. Sherman built the first
house there for Moore who had sold his mill and moved to
Plover. The Treaty for all this vast extent of Indian Territory
was concluded on the 18th day of October 1848 The year Wis
became a State which was on the 28th of May.

In 1850 Mr Precourt moved upon his claim and commenced
farming where He died on Friday the 22d of July 1904 Age 84
years and was the last of the old Pioneers of 1839 in Portage
County

Mr. Precourt was buried in the Plover Cemetery which is
the oldest and 1st Recorded Grave yard on the Wis River.
The Service was conducted by Rev Bishop Welles of the Epis-
copal Church of Stevens Point

I attended the funeral and from my personal acquaintance
with him do not think he belonged to any Church. He was very
much respected by all who knew him as an upright honorable
citizen and is very much missed in the community where he lived

He leaves a wife and son & two daughters the widow & son
who still resides upon the old Homestead a large farm and one
of the loveliest locations to be found in the country