

participated in the proceedings of the meeting has passed from among us. May this fact remind us that we, also, are almost imperceptibly borne along by the silent but ever moving current of time to our final destiny.

It will not be considered, I trust, out of place to give a brief biographical sketch of the first municipal officers elected in the town, and some others connected with the initial movements in its organization, commencing with Geo. Ulmer, who called the first meeting.

Geo. Ulmer was born in Waldoborough, Feb. 25th, 1756. He was an officer in the revolutionary war, and settled in this town, at Ducktrap, shortly after the close of the war. He engaged quite largely in the lumbering business. In the valley of Ducktrap stream there were at that time, large quantities of pine and other lumber extending to the Plantation of Green, now the town of Belmont. On the early plans of the town there were marked large tracts of land, "George Ulmer." While he was in the lumber business, he owned or was interested in five saw mills. He was one of the most noted and prominent men, in the vigor of his life, in this section. He served as Senator in the legislature of Massachusetts, before Maine became a State. Was sheriff of Hancock county before the county of Waldo was established, and commanded a military force at Eastport in the war of 1812. He was not an educated man, considered in the strict line of scholarship, but a man of great self-reliance and of remarkable colloquial gifts. This gave him an advantage and a prominence, in many cases, over others superior in educational acquirements but destitute of his particular gifts. Dr. Dodge, of Thomaston, an educated man of high standing in his profession, once gave Gen. Ulmer a sharp re-tort in the Legislature of Massachusetts, of which they were both members. They were antagonists on some special matter under consideration; Ulmer