at Mishicot, near Manitowoc, but after residing on it two years, sold it and moved into Two Rivers, where, having learned the trade of millwright in this country, John Thuss went to work in the pail and tub factory of Mann brothers, with whom he remained subsequently for 28 years. He was a hard worker and a valued employee, but finally failing health obliged him to retire. He died at Two Rivers Jan. 25, 1912, and his wife June 20, 1918. Their children were: Henry J., of Marshfield; Lena, widow of Clarence B. Larkin and a resident of Milwaukee; Anna, widow of Fred Gerbinski and a resident of Manitowoc; Mary, now Mrs. George Gesell of Two Rivers.; William and George of Marshfield; Edward of Two Rivers; and Charles of Marshfield. Henry J. Thuss in his boyhood attended common school at Two Rivers, but left school at the age of 12 years to work in Mann Bros.' factory, where his father was employed. He remained an employee of that concern for six years, after which for two years he worked in a sash and blind factory. He then worked another year for Mann Bros., and afterwards a year for the Wisconsin Leather Co., also of Two Rivers. In 1883 he came to Marshfield and on April 30, that year, entered the employ of the Upham Manufacturing Co. as "handy man." He has since remained continuously with this firm and on Dec. 1, 1899, he was promoted to his present position as superintendent of the furniture manufacturing department. He has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in Marshfield, and as he has always since coming here taken a keen interest in the welfare and progress of the city, he was elected alderman from his ward, in which office he served two years. In politics he is independent, and fraternally he belongs to Nest No. 1076 of the order of Owls. Mr. Thuss was married Nov. 14, 1880, to Ella J. Schambeau, who was born at Two Rivers, Wis., July 8, 1866, daughter of Joseph and Jane (Lamere) Schambeau. The father was a French-Canadian and the mother a native of Two Rivers, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Thuss have no children of their own, but have an adopted daughter, Ella, born Jan. 22, 1895, who is now the wife of Silas Huber of Marshfield. She was married June 8, 1914, and has one child, Lenora Jeanette, who was born March 22, 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Thuss are members of the German Lutheran Church and are active in its good work. They own a comfortable residence at 308 North Walnut Street.

Francis Xavier Pomainville, M. D., prominent in the medical profession of the county, and for a number of years a leader in the work of civic improvement in Wisconsin Rapids, was born in this city, then known as Grand Rapids, Aug. 11, 1871, son of Frank and Caroline (Martin) Pomainville. Both his parents are now deceased. He acquired his early education in the public schools of this city, and was graduated from the old Howe High School with the class of 1889, after that he was a student in the State University at Madison for three years, and then entered the Rush Medical College, at Chicago, Ill., from which he graduated in May, 1899. After receiving his medical diploma, Dr. Pomainville returned home and began the practice of his profession in his native city. His first office was in what is now the Hotel Witter annex. It was then occupied as a drug store, owned and operated by F. L. Steib & Co., with business offices in the rear. After remaining there several years Dr. Pomainville moved to his present offices located in the building formerly occupied by the First National Bank, and here he has since continued in medical practice except during a period of about a year and nine months, when he was in the United States' service. From June 4, 1917, that he left home and family to serve with the 5th and 6th Field Artillery in the World War. With them he went overseas and served for several months while the Americans were in training behind the French line. He was subsequently transferred to the medical supply department, in which he did good service. A few days following the armistice he was promoted to the rank of major and made medical supply officer of Base Section No. 6, serving in that capacity until ordered home. He returned with the 42d Division, and was honorably discharged from the service April 22, 1919. Dr. Pomainville is a man who has always been active in matters pertaining to the interests and welfare of the city. He served on the school board for a number of years, and for one year was its president, resigning that position to take the office of mayor, to which he was elected in the spring of 1909. During

his administration he was instrumental in securing for the city several important improvements, among which may be mentioned the street car line, the beginning of the river bank park system, the drainage ditch on the marsh lands north of the city, and the building of the reservoir in the river bank on Third Street South. Dr. Pomainville ran on the Democratic ticket for the office of assemblyman, but was beaten by a small majority by his opponent, C. R. Goldsworthy of Vesper. When the cities of Grand Rapids and Centralia consolidated, Dr. Pomainville was appointed health officer by B. R. Goggins, the first mayor elected after the uniting of the cities. He has held this office almost continuously ever since up to the present time, with the exception of his term as mayor, his absence overseas during the war, and also during the term of mayor filled by E. W. Ellis. Dr. Pomainville was chairman of the committee for the Salvation Army drive in 1920, and was a zealous worker for the cause, fully realizing the splendid work done by that organization for this country in its hour of need. In addition to his high standing as a physician, he is personally popular for his kind words and deeds and his character as a high minded christian gentleman. He is a man of ready wit and is a keen lover of outdoor sports. A Catholic in religion, he is a member of the church of SS. Peter and Paul, and also belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Order of Foresters, the B. P. O. E. and the Eagles. He is, moreover, a most enthusiastic member of the American Legion, and in 1920 served as commander of the Charles Hegerstrom Post No. 9, of this city. His political opinions incline to the doctrines of the Democratic party, though he holds himself free to vote for the best candidates regardless of party lines. On Oct. 30, 1899, Dr. Pomainville was united in marriage to May Goggins, of Wisconsin Rapids, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Goggins. He and his wife are the parents of four children: Francis, born Feb. 25, 1902; Margaret, born Dec. 29, 1902; Janet, born April 4, 1904, and Caroline, born Feb. 5, 1907.

Samuel Parker, who passed from this life Sept. 25, 1921, was a man who had many titles to respect and esteem, which were freely accorded him. He had been a resident of Wisconsin Rapids for 67 years, was a veteran of the Civil War and a charter member of the local G. A. R. post; and was a man of kindly disposition that won him friends everywhere, especially among the children. He was born at Northfield, Vt., April 11, 1839, and came to Wisconsin with his parents in 1848, they settling on a large farm in Dane County. At the age of 15 he came to Grand Rapids (now Wisconsin Rapids), this being two years before the organization of Wood County. Lumbering was the sole industry of any importance in those days and Mr. Parker naturally drifted into it and remained in it for the rest of his active life. For many years he was head sawyer with the Grand Rapids Lumber Co. It was as a member of the 46th Wisconsin Volunteers that he served his country in the Civil War. His religious faith was that of the Adventist Church. Mr. Parker was married June 28, 1863, to Clara Snyder, who was born in Indiana, N. Y., July 20, 1843, the tenth child of Stephen and Derinda (Ford) Snyder. As a babe she accompanied her parents to Chicago in 1844, and there they bought 40 acres of land, which, could they have foreseen the future and held on to it, would today be worth many millions. They remained there only one year, however, and then moved to a large farm in Greenwood Township, McHenry County, Ill., which place was the home of the family until 1855. About that time Mr. Snyder suffered a bereavement in the loss of his wife, whom death snatched from him. He was left with seven daughters and four sons to take care of, and in the year mentioned, 1855, he came to Wood County, Wisconsin, and settled on a large farm of 580 acres on Five Mile Creek in Saratoga Township. There he later bought another large farm. He died on his farm in November, 1867. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Parker were the parents of three children: Charles S., of Wisconsin Rapids; Della, now Mrs. George Courtney of Milton, Wis.; and Clara, wife of Fred Stamm, of Minneapolis. Charles S. is a fine musician and was a member of the Dana Band, of Wausau, Wis., with which organization he saw service in the Spanish-American War. He resides with his mother in their home at 867 Eleventh Street North. Mrs. Parker has lived to see Wisconsin Rapids grow from a mere wilderness site