

Isaac Heard, Indian Fighter, Passes Away in New York

Pioneer Minnesota Lawyer and
First Citizen Is Buried
in St. Paul.

Held Many Offices of Trust—
Highly Respected by Many
Acquaintances.

Isaac V. D. Heard, for many years a prominent citizen and attorney of St. Paul, died in Goshen, N. Y., on June 17, after many years of illness.

Up to twenty years ago, when he left St. Paul on account of ill health, Mr. Heard was one of the best known citizens of the state, and a pioneer citizen loved and respected by all who knew him. He had held many positions of public trust, and in all of them had returned distinguished service.

Came to St. Paul in 1851.

Born in Goshen, N. Y., in 1834, Mr. Heard came to St. Paul April 21, 1851. He was a clerk in the law offices of some of the most prominent pioneer lawyers, such as Rice, Wilkin and Becker. In 1856 he was elected city attorney, and was elected to this office again in 1865, '66 and '67. He was appointed county attorney in 1857, and re-elected in '57 and '61. In 1871 he was elected to the state senate from Ramsey county.

Mr. Heard was a member of General Sibley's staff, and was in the party that went to the relief of the besieged citizens of New Ulm at the time of the Indian massacre. He was acting judge advocate at the trial of the Indians who were hanged at Mankota following the massacre.

Started Reform School.

While city attorney he had to deal with many cases of young boys arrested for petty crimes, and he became so impressed with the need of special handling for such cases that he started an agitation in the city council for the establishment of a juvenile reformatory. The direct result was the founding of the state reform school, first located in St. Paul.

Mr. Heard was a classical student and possessed marked literary ability. He wrote a "History of the Sioux War" which is regarded as the standard and accurate story of that struggle.

He participated in many of the most famous law cases of his time and was regarded as a leader at the bar.

Returns to Old Home.

A nervous breakdown necessitated his giving up his profession and he left St. Paul for his old home in New York where he lived an invalid until death.

"St. Paul should pay tribute to Mr. Heard's memory," said Judge Hascal R. Brill yesterday. "He was a distinguished and able lawyer who gave honorable service to the people. He was a loyal friendly man and unselfish in his living. He took a leading part in many activities for the general good and was in all ways the best kind of a good and substantial citizen."

Mrs. Heard died in St. Paul in 1898. Five children survive, Robert H. Heard of Minneapolis, Mrs. Lindsay Denson and Miss Augusta Heard of New York City, Mrs. E. H. Julien of San Francisco and Phillip R. Heard of Seattle. The interment at Oakland cemetery in St. Paul yesterday was private.