

History of Goodhue County Minnesota
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CHAPTER XXVI.

OFFICERS AND POPULATION.

List of Men Who Have Represented Goodhue County at St. Paul Since Territorial Days—List of County Officers—Men From This County Who Have Occupied Positions of Higher Trust and Honor—Population of the County by Nationality, and Occupation, With List of Growth Since the Earliest Census.

On July 17, 1849, Alexander Ramsey, by proclamation, fixed the council districts for the Territory of Minnesota, which had not then been divided into counties. The St. Croix precinct of St. Croix county, and the settlements on the west bank of the Mississippi, south of Crow village to the Iowa line, was constituted the First district. This included Goodhue county.

1849—The First Legislature assembled September 3, and adjourned November 1. The First district was represented by James S. Norris, of Cottage Grove, in the council; John A. Furber of Cottage Grove, and James Wells in the house. Wells was from Goodhue county.

1851—The Second Legislature assembled January 1, and adjourned March 31. The First district was represented by James S. Norris in the council; John A. Ford, of Red Rock, and James Wells in the house.

1852—The Third Legislature. By the apportionment of 1851, the territory having been divided into counties, the counties of Wabasha and Washington, and precincts of St. Paul and Little Canada, constituted the Fourth district. This included Goodhue county. The legislature assembled January 3, and adjourned March 6. The Fourth district was represented by Lorenzo A. Babcock, of St. Paul in the council, and Fordyce Richards, a Lake Pépin trader, in the house.

1853—The Fourth Legislature assembled January 5, and adjourned March 5. The Fourth district was represented by L. A. Babcock in the council, and James Wells in the house.

1854—The Fifth Legislature assembled January 4, and adjourned March 4. The Fourth district was represented by William Freeborn in the council, and O. M. Lord in the house.

1855—The Sixth Legislature assembled January 3, and adjourned March 3. The Fourth district was represented by William Freeborn in the council, and Clark W. Thompson in the house.

1856—The Seventh Legislature. By the apportionment of 1855, Goodhue, Dodge and Freeborn counties constituted the Fourth district. The legislature was assembled January 2, and adjourned March 1. The Fourth district was represented by William Freeborn in the council, and Charles Gardner and J. B. Hubbell in the house.

1857—The Eighth Legislature assembled January 7, and adjourned March 7. The Fourth district was represented by William Freeborn in the council, Nelson Payne and W. W. Sweeney in the house.

Under the enabling act of congress, approved March 3, 1857, a constitutional convention of 108 members (each council district to elect two for each councilman and representative it was entitled to) was authorized to meet at the capital on the second Monday in July, to frame a state constitution, and submit it to the people of the territory. The election was held on the first Monday in June. On July 13 the delegates met, but a disagreement arising in the organization, the Republican members organized one body, and the Democratic members organized separately. Each of these bodies, claiming to be the legal constitutional convention, proceeded with the work of forming an instrument to be submitted to the people. After some days, an understanding was effected between them, and by means of committees of conference, the same constitution was framed and adopted by both bodies. On being submitted to the people, October 13, it was ratified.

The Fourth district was represented in the Republican wing by Charles McClure, Aaron C. Hudson, George Watson, Frank Mantor and Joseph Peckman. The member from this district in the Democratic wing was Edwin C. Stacy.

1857—First Legislature. By the apportionment of 1857, Goodhue county was constituted the Sixth district. The legislature assembled December 2, 1857. On March 25, 1858, it took a recess until June 2, and finally adjourned August 12. The Goodhue county representatives were Aaron G. Hudson in the senate, and Henry L. Bevans, Joseph Peckham, C. W. Libbey and Hans Hanson, Jr., in the house.

1859—Second Legislature. Assembled December 7, 1859, and adjourned March 12, 1860. Goodhue county representatives were R. N. Maclaren in the senate, and Lewis H. Garrard, I. C. Stearns, R. H. Knox and L. K. Aaker in the house.

1861—Third Legislature. By the apportionment of 1860,

Goodhue county was constituted the Ninth district. The legislature assembled January 8, and adjourned March 8. The Goodhue county representatives were R. N. McLean in the senate, and J. E. Chapman and C. R. White in the house.

1862—Fourth Legislature. Assembled January 7, and adjourned March 7. Goodhue county representatives were Charles McClure in the senate, and J. A. Thacher and L. K. Aaker in the house. On account of the Indian outbreak in 1862, an extra session was called by the governor, which assembled September 9, and adjourned September 29.

1863—Fifth Legislature. Assembled January 6, and adjourned March 6. Goodhue county representatives were Charles McClure in the senate, and J. A. Thacher and A. Hilton in the house.

1864—Sixth Legislature. Assembled January 5, and adjourned March 4. The Goodhue county representatives, from the Ninth district, were J. A. Thacher in the senate, and S. S. Grannis and J. M. Gates in the house.

1865—Seventh Legislature. Assembled January 3, and adjourned March 3. The Goodhue representatives were J. A. Thacher in the senate, and J. B. Locke and William Colville, Jr., in the house.

1866—The Eighth Legislature assembled January 2, and adjourned March 2. The Goodhue county representatives were J. A. Thacher in the senate, and Sylvester Dickey and Warren Bristol in the house.

1867—Ninth Legislature. By the apportionment of 1866, Goodhue county was constituted the Ninth district. The legislature assembled January 8, and adjourned March 8. The Goodhue representatives were Warren Bristol in the senate, and L. K. Aaker, J. F. Mitchell and R. B. Wilson in the house.

1868—The Tenth Legislature assembled January 7, and adjourned March 6. Goodhue county representatives were: Warren Bristol in the senate, E. C. Comstock, K. K. Finseth and J. F. Pingrey in the house.

1869—The Eleventh Legislature assembled January 5, and adjourned March 5. Goodhue county representatives were Warren Bristol in the senate, L. K. Aaker, A. J. Grover and C. C. Webster in the house.

1870—The Twelfth Legislature assembled January 4, and adjourned March 4. Goodhue county representatives were Charles Hill in the senate, John Miller, Orrin Densmore and Giles Slocum in the house.

1871—The Thirteenth Legislature assembled January 8, and adjourned March 3. Goodhue county representatives were

Charles Hill in the senate, Orin Densmore, T. G. Pearson and A. P. Jackson in the house.

1872—Fourteenth Legislature. By the apportionment of 1871, Goodhue county was constituted the Sixteenth and Seventeenth districts. The legislature assembled January 2, and adjourned March 1. The Goodhue county representatives were: Sixteenth District—Lucius Hubbard in the senate, J. C. Pierce and J. Finney in the house. Seventeenth District—Giles Slocum, in the senate, T. P. Kellett, G. K. Norsving and John Stanton in the house.

1873—The Fifteenth Legislature assembled January 7, and adjourned March 7. Goodhue county representatives were: Sixteenth District—L. F. Hubbard in the senate, W. C. Williston and H. F. Armstrong in the house. Seventeenth District—John W. Peterson in the senate, T. P. Kellett, G. K. Norsving and Arthur Flom in the house.

1874—The Sixteenth Legislature assembled January 6, and adjourned March 6. Goodhue county representatives were: Sixteenth District—L. F. Hubbard in the senate, W. C. Williston and Leland Jones in the house. Seventeenth District—J. W. Peterson in the senate, C. R. White, N. J. Ottun and John Stanton in the house.

1875—The Seventeenth Legislature assembled January 5, and adjourned March 5. Goodhue county representatives were: Sixteenth District—L. F. Hubbard in the senate, Robert Deakin and Rudolph Kruger in the house.

1876—The Eighteenth Legislature assembled January 4, and adjourned March 3. Goodhue county representatives were: Sixteenth District—W. C. Williston in the senate, Charles R. Brink and Rudolph Kruger in the house. Seventeenth District—A. K. Finseth in the senate, Gustavus Westman, Ole P. Huleback and B. C. Grover in the house.

1877—The Nineteenth Legislature assembled January 2, and adjourned March 2. Goodhue county representatives were: Sixteenth District—W. C. Williston in the senate, Jonathan Finney and H. B. Wilson in the house. Seventeenth District—A. K. Finseth in the senate, B. C. Grover, O. P. Huleback and T. G. Pearson in the house.

1878—The Twentieth Legislature assembled January 8, and adjourned March 8. Goodhue county representatives were: Sixteenth District—J. C. McClure in the senate, William Colvill and N. C. Crandall in the house. Seventeenth District—A. K. Finseth in the senate, S. C. Wickey, P. N. Langemo and S. C. Holland in the house.

1879—The Twenty-first Legislature assembled January 7, and adjourned March 7. Goodhue county representatives were:

Sixteenth District—H. B. Wilson in the senate, C. B. Brink and Perry George in the house. Seventeenth District—J. A. Thacher in the senate, S. C. Holland, N. P. Langemo and J. A. Bowman in the house.

1881—The Twenty-second Legislature assembled January 4, and adjourned March 4. Goodhue county representatives were: Sixteenth District—H. B. Wilson in the senate, F. W. Hoyt and F. Tether in the house. Seventeenth District—F. J. Johnson in the senate, H. P. Huleback, A. A. Flom and C. Hill in the house. An extra session was called for the purpose of considering the legislation at the regular session relating to the state railroad bonds, which was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. The session commenced October 11, and closed November 13.

1883—Twenty-third Legislature. By the apportionment of 1881, Goodhue county was constituted the Twenty-first and Twenty-second districts. The legislature assembled January 2, and adjourned March 2. Goodhue county representatives were: Twenty-first District—F. I. Johnson in the senate, H. P. Huleback and M. Doyle in the house. Twenty-second District—M. S. Chandler in the senate, G. P. Sidener in the house.

1885—The Twenty-fourth Legislature assembled January 6, and adjourned March 6. Goodhue county representatives were: Twenty-first District—F. I. Johnson in the senate, O. K. Naeseth and S. C. Holland in the house. Twenty-second District—O. M. Hall in the senate, J. W. Peterson in the house.

1887—The Twenty-fifth Legislature assembled January 4, and adjourned March 4. Goodhue county representatives were: Twenty-first District—A. K. Finseth in the senate, O. K. Naeseth and O. Nordvold in the house. Twenty-second District—Peter Nelson in the senate, J. G. Anderson in the house.

1889—The Twenty-sixth Legislature assembled January 8, and adjourned April 23. Goodhue county representatives were: Twenty-first District—A. K. Finseth in the senate, W. E. Poe and S. B. Barteau in the house. Twenty-second District—Peter Nelson in the senate, F. W. Hoyt in the house.

1891—Twenty-seventh Legislature. By the apportionment of 1889, Goodhue county was constituted the Twenty-first district. The legislature assembled January 6, and adjourned April 20. Goodhue county representatives were J. W. Peterson in the senate, William F. Cross, M. Doyle and Ole O. Huset in the house.

1893—The Twenty-eighth Legislature assembled January 3, and adjourned April 18. Goodhue county representatives were J. W. Peterson in the senate, James L. Scofield, John H. Boxrud and Frank M. Wilson in the house.

1895—The Twenty-ninth Legislature assembled January 8,

and adjourned April 3. Goodhue county representatives were O. J. Wing in the senate, J. H. Boxrud, J. K. Grondahl and J. S. Scofield in the house.

1897—The Thirtieth Legislature assembled January 5, and adjourned April 21. Goodhue county representatives were O. J. Wing in the senate, C. L. Brusletten, J. K. Grondahl and E. A. Bigelow in the house.

1899—Thirty-first Legislature. By the apportionment of 1897, Goodhue county was constituted the Twenty-ninth district. The legislature assembled January 3, and adjourned April 18. Goodhue county representatives were William B. Dickey in the senate, C. L. Brusletten, S. B. Barteau and J. K. Grondahl in the house.

1901—The Thirty-second Legislature assembled January 8, and adjourned April 12. Goodhue county representatives were William B. Dickey, S. B. Barteau, Christian Von Wald and Albert G. Scherf in the house. An extra session was called for the purpose of considering the report of the tax commission, created by chapter 13, general laws A. D. 1901. The extra session convened February 4, 1902, and adjourned March 11, 1902.

1903—The Thirty-third Legislature assembled January 6. Goodhue county representatives were Ole K. Naeseth in the senate, W. H. Putnam, C. Von Wald and A. J. Rockne in the house.

1905—The Thirty-fourth Legislature assembled January 3. Goodhue county representatives were Ole K. Naeseth in the senate, W. H. Putnam, J. A. Gates and A. J. Rockne in the house.

1907—The Thirty-fifth Legislature assembled January 8. Goodhue county representatives were Ole K. Naeseth in the senate, W. H. Putnam, J. A. Gates and A. J. Rockne in the house.

1909—The Thirty-sixth Legislature assembled in January. The Goodhue county representatives were Ole K. Naeseth in the senate, W. H. Putnam, J. A. Gates and A. J. Rockne in the house.

The principal county offices, up to 1891, were filled by the following:

Auditors—E. Norelius, in 1858, but did not qualify; Jonathan Going appointed to fill vacancy, Hans Mattson, F. Joss, S. J. Willard, C. C. Webster, E. H. Druse, Carl N. Lien.

Sheriffs—P. S. Fish, H. C. Hoffman, M. S. Chandler, H. F. Armstrong, F. A. Carlson, A. F. Anderson.

Treasurers—M. Sorin, James Lawther, Thomas F. Towne, Charles Connely, Orrin Densmore, W. P. Brown, Ole Hegna, L. A. Hancock, D. B. Scofield, Hiram Howe.

Judges of Probate—W. D. Shillson, O. F. Smith, William Ladd, Leman Bates, Orrin Densmore, C. G. Reynolds, Robert Deakin, N. O. Werner, O. D. Anderson.

Register of Deeds—J. W. Hancock, L. F. Hubbard, C. C.