

W. W. Coriell was also among the earliest lawyers of the Territory, and while we were a part of that of Wisconsin, which was organized on April 30, 1836. At the first Fourth of July Celebration after that event, Dr. S. Langworthy was chosen President; Patrick Quigley, J. M. Harrison, Dr. T. Mason and W. C. Jones, Vice Presidents; and Mr. Coriell as orator of the day. (Hist. of Dubuque County, 1880, p. 373) It would seem from this, that he had also become somewhat conspicuous as an orator. Mr. Coriell, like most young lawyers on the frontier, embraced in his calling other matters than those relating purely to the profession. Thus in 1848 Orlando McCraney established the Democratic Telegraph, a Whig paper which supported Zachary Taylor for President, and for a time Mr. Coriell was its editor. (Hist. of Dubuque County, 585) His name is found in the list of Attorneys attached to Second Greene's Reports.

The following data, taken down at the time, I obtained from Judge Thomas S. Wilson, more than thirty years ago:

"Coriell died of cholera. He took it coming from St. Louis in a steamboat. He slept in a berth that had been occupied by a man who had it. He came home and died at Dubuque in the forties. He was one of the Commissioners who laid out the towns of Fort Madison, Bellevue, and Dubuque. He was a well-educated lawyer and a good speaker."

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