SEABRED DODGE

Was the intellectual giant of the family, and with the assistance of his brother, David F., acquired a thorough classical education; he graduated at Hamilton College (?) and took high rank as a scholar, especially did he excel in mathematics, being, in his day, one of the best mathematicians in the United States. He chose engineering for a vocation, and went to Ohio in 1826, and first located at Cleveland, he was chief engineer of the Ohio canals, and had the supervision of their construction. Later in life he married Jane Town, and they located at Akron, Ohio. His arduous labors and exposures incident to his calling, among miasmatic swamps and lowlands, engendered disease which took him prematurely from the world, and he died in 1849, leaving his widow but no children to survive him. He was a man of the highest integrity, always guarding with exact justice, the interests of the State. One circumstance in his life illustrates this truth;—water lime was an article much used in the construction of the canals, and the Ohio lime seemed not to be suited for the purpose; a limited contract was made for a supply from Onondaga County, N. Y., and his brother David F. was chosen to negotiate for what should be needed; making a position for him which promised wealth, at what was supposed at the time a necessary expense to Ohio; the brother very soon ascertained how to make the Ohio lime answer the purpose, and his brother's new prospects were quickly ended, to the great saving of the people of Ohio. It would be refreshing for officials and contractors in these days to initiate an example of integrity thus manifested by these two brothers. His widow now resides in the city of Cleveland.

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