

NATHAN L. PARMATER, M.D., Pioneer Physician and Citizen

From a virgin forest to a county of cultivated farms, from a little clearing in the woods to a hustling, thriving city, is what Nathan L. Parmater, M. D., has seen accomplished in Otsego County and Gaylord. Dr. Parmater came to this county in April, 1873, walking here along the right of way for the railroad, which at that time had not reached this point. He located a homestead in Livingston township, about 4½ miles from Gaylord, and personally experienced every phase of pioneer life.

In 1888 Dr. Parmater removed from his farm to Gaylord, where he has ever since been one of our most respected and honored citizens, having been frequently elected to offices of trust in the township and village.

Dr. Parmater was the first judge of probate in Otsego County, when the county seat was located at Otsego Lake, and the duties and salary of the office not nearly so important as now.

A veteran of the war of 1861-5, he has ever taken a deep interest in the welfare of his fellow comrades. Has been commander of C. F. Doore Post No. 61, G. A. R.; a Mason and for six years high priest of Royal Arch Chapter of Gaylord, besides being interested in other societies and organizations. He is at present time president of the Citizens Improvement Association and is untiring in his efforts to further advance the prosperity of the community in which we live.

The jovial Dr. will reach the 70th milestone in life's journey next month and while not actively engaged in the practice of his profession he manages to keep comfortably busy in enjoying life. Last winter, accompanied by Mrs. Parmater, they made an extended trip to California, which both greatly enjoyed.

It is largely through the forethought and influence of such citizens as Dr. Parmater that our town and county has advanced to its present position.

