

ANSELL SMITH. Deceased, was a native of Grafton, Windam county, Vermont, his birth dating the 18th of January, 1821. He received an academic education, and taught school from 1836 to 1842. In 1845, he removed to St. Charles, Illinois, where he published a paper a few years, and in 1850, came to Minnesota, and located at Taylor's Falls, Chisago county, remaining three years. After a residence of sixteen years at Franconia, in the same county, Mr. Smith accepted the position of Register in the United States Land Office at Duluth in 1869, holding the office until his death, on the 27th of June, 1877. Mr. Smith was quite prominent in local matters while a resident of Chisago county, and represented that district in the State Legislature during the years of 1863-64 and '66. He married Miss Adaline Kidder, of Fayetteville, Vermont, in 1845.

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