

WILLIAM AMERY

(1831-1887)

- 1831 - Born in Devonshire, England
- 1843 - Chumleigh Academy - won prize in Mathematics
- 1851 - Left England by sailing vessel for U.S.A., landing first in New Orleans and then by steam-boat to Stillwater, Minnesota (to escape the yellow fever epidemic).
- 1852 - Moved from Stillwater to St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin
- 1853 - "Pre-empted" land near St. Croix Falls
- 1855 - Married Sarah Hackett (1835-1912) of County Clare, Ireland. The ceremony in Stillwater was witnessed by the parents of John A. Porter. Eight children were born to this union:

Marcella (1856-1885); Charles William (1847-1912);
Frances Sarah (1858-1947); Walter (1860-1882);
Florence (1863-1874); Jane Estelle (Mrs. Gustav Hansen)
(1866-1943); Eva Victoria (Mrs. Oliver Dyer Colvin)
(1869-1951); Phillip Francis (1875-1955).

Six grandchildren and eight great-grand children survive.

- 1870 - 73 - Polk County Treasurer
- 1880 - 81 - Chairman of Board of Polk County.
- 1875 - 1877, 1880, 1886, 1887: Chairman of Town of St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin.
- 1887 - Died in St. Croix Falls (aged 56 years) and is buried in the St. Croix Falls cemetery.
- 1891 - Town of Amery (now a city) named for William Amery because of his "prominence and progressiveness" (John A. Porter), thus doing honor to a pioneer.

The picture of William Amery was taken in 1872, when he was 41 years old (15 years before he died). It is an enlarged photograph presented to the AMERY LIBRARY by William Amery's grand-daughter, Elisabeth Amery, now of Baltimore, Maryland.

The name AMERY is of French origin. A. d'Amory came to England with William the Conqueror in 1066. In England, the name appears as Amory, Amary, Emory, Emery, Amary, Amerycke, etc. In 1317, a Lord d'Amoric was a member of Parliament.
The Family motto - "Amore non vi" (Love not force).