

# Augustus Durkee 1811-1889

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Obituary of Augustus Durkee.

Augustus Meyers Durkee was born in Scipio, Cayuga County, New York, June 8, 1811. In his youth he was a great traveler for those days, having as early as 1832 crossed the state of Illinois on foot. Reaching St. Louis late in the fall, he took a boat for Cincinnati, where he spent the winter, returning to the paternal home in the spring of 1833. Later in life he traveled in nearly every state of the Union, as far west and including Colorado, and south in Florida and southern Texas. In 1837 he was united in marriage to Miss Johanna C. Watkins, of Cayuga county, N.Y. who died in 1839, leaving one child, now Mrs. Augusta J. Durkee, of Howardsville, Ill. He was married to Miss Esther C. Stevens in Jefferson county, N.Y. September 13, 1843. This union was productive of four children - three sons and one daughter, all now of adult age. The sons are: Delancy M., Milton E. and Willie R. Their daughter, Agnes E., and Willie R. are twins, who, together with Delancy M., are with their mother at Hammond, La. Milton E. resides near Nora, in Jo Daviess county, Ill.