

Welcome to the Dawley House

The Dawley house was built in 1851, and was put on the national historic registry in 1979. Daniel Dawley served as a clerk and captain on the Mississippi river for 38 years. He worked on the steamboats *Hero*, *Galena*, and *Henry Clay*, and was part owner of the *Golden Era*. Dawley married Sabina Carleton of LeClaire in 1841, and the couple raised nine children in the house. In 1881 Dawley became postmaster to the city of LeClaire, before passing away in 1893.

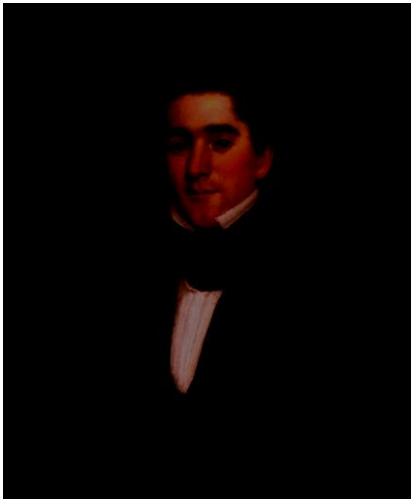


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“When we trace the career of those who stand highest in public esteem we find in nearly every case that they are those who have risen gradually, fighting their way in opposition. Self-reliance, conscientiousness, energy, honesty-these are the traits of character that insure the highest emoluments and greatest success. To these we may attribute the success that crowned the efforts of Captain Daniel Dawley.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Dawley nine children were born: Daniel C, Henrietta A., Louisa S., Florence F., Albert L., Rothues B. , Genevieve B., Arthur H. and Gertrude W. Captain Dawley was a self made man, both in an educational and financial way. The property he accumulated through his own industry and the economy of his wife, who had been spared to enjoy the fruits of her early labors.

(Sabina Dawley) was a lady possessed of many graces. She was very benevolent to those whom she considered worthy of charity, and was termed the “Lady Bountiful” of Le Claire township. She was a Universalist and very pious.” -Biographical History and Portrait Gallery of Scott County