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Gregg Montgomery

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149 Butler St.

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Mr. Grove came to America in 1851 from Hanover, Germany. They first went to Freeport, but came to Madison to live in 1861. Mr. Grove's father ran a distillery on S. Webster sttreet for many years.

Mr. Grove's schooling was gotten at Pro. Georges Academy, a private school attended by the well-to-do class in the city. Prof. George's academy was located on Fairchild St. directly in back of where the Telephone Co. building now stands. [?]

It was an old German custom that no matter how wealthy people were, that they must learn a trade, regardless of whether or not they ever worked at it. So Wm. Grove was sent by his father to Freeport, Ill. to learn the harness makers trade.

He worked at his trade for only two years and then came back to Madison and worked for his father in the distillery.