

Title: Prentiss, William A. Collection

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Abstract: William Augustus Prentiss was a Milwaukee politician who served as Mayor of Milwaukee from 1858 to 1859. He was born in Northfield, Massachusetts in 1800 and moved around New England (briefly serving as a Vermont state legislator) before moving his family to Milwaukee in 1836. He initially opened a store but quickly embarked on a political career, serving in many capacities before his mayoral campaign. He was elected on the People's party ticket largely as a response to the financial scandals of the previous administration, and so his administration was one of tight financial control. Later in his life he helped found the Old Settler's Club and the Pioneers' Association. He died on November 10, 1892.

Scope and Content: List of Milwaukee mayors, handwritten and signed by William A. Prentiss.

Access and Use: No restrictions.

Language: English