



Evert Westervelt
1813-1888



Locust Lodge
Garrard Avenue between Wells Street & Graham Street

- 1852.** Evert Westervelt buys land from Wells and establishes a general store at Western Landing.
- 1854.** Evert Westervelt starts construction of Locust Lodge, his home on the plateau above Valhalla Terrace (Garrard Avenue between Wells and Graham Streets).
- 1854.** Frontenac stone quarry is established on the southeast slope of Point-No-Point. This unique limestone provided the foundations for many homes in Frontenac and was exported by river steamboats for structures such as the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City.



Israel Garrard
1827-1901



St. Hubert's Lodge
Garrard Avenue between McLean Street and Wells Street

- 1854.** Israel and Lewis Garrard of Cincinnati, OH visit Western Landing on a hunting trip in the Mississippi River Valley and decide to establish a hunting retreat.
- 1855.** Israel Garrard starts construction of St. Hubert's Lodge, his family hunting retreat, on Garrard Avenue between McLean and Wells Streets. German and Swiss craftsmen from the Huneke, Steffenhagen, Bremer, Koch, Haller, and Schneider families migrate to the area.
- 1856.** A warehouse (later converted to the Lakeside Hotel) and a store (later converted to the Pavilion) are built on Frontenac Point to support river commerce and resident provisions.
- 1856.** Evert Westervelt named the first Postmaster of Westervelt, Minnesota Territory.
- 1857.** Westervelt and the Garrards purchase 4,000 acres from Wells and Faribault. They designate 320 acres for the town site of Westervelt.
- 1858.** State of Minnesota is established. Florence Township is established.



Lewis Garrard
1829-1887



Dacotah Cottage
Garrard Avenue between Dacotah and Burr Oak Streets

1858. Dacotah Cottage is built by Lewis Garrard on Garrard Avenue between Burr Oak and Dacotah Streets. Lewis, a physician, treated the new European inhabitants and the Native Americans in Little Dacotah, another building on his property. Lewis, as a young man in 1846, wrote "Wah-to-Yah and the Taos Trail", a western frontier adventure book that is still used in schools today. Lewis was the first mayor of Lake City, Minnesota.



Frontenac Plat Map
1859



Greystone (Grout House)
Garrard Avenue between Johnston & Barton

1859. Village name was changed from Westervelt to Frontenac in honor of Count Frontenac. This begins a 20-year period in which the Garrards develop the village of Frontenac and the area thrives in fur trading, logging, limestone, and hospitality.

1859. Greystone, the first grout house in the upper Midwest is built by Huntington for Alexander Faribault on Garrard Avenue between Johnston and Barton Streets. During the 1800's, the home was inhabited by Faribault, Nathaniel McLean, Lewis Garrard, and Sarah Bellah McLean and, since 1901, has been owned by the William Webster family.