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BIOGRAPHY

Born at Utica, Penn. Employed as a steamboat pilot from 1850 to 1884 and proprietor of the Windsor Hotel, St. Paul, Minn. Lived in St. Paul, Minn. with his wife and children, arriving in 1850.

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