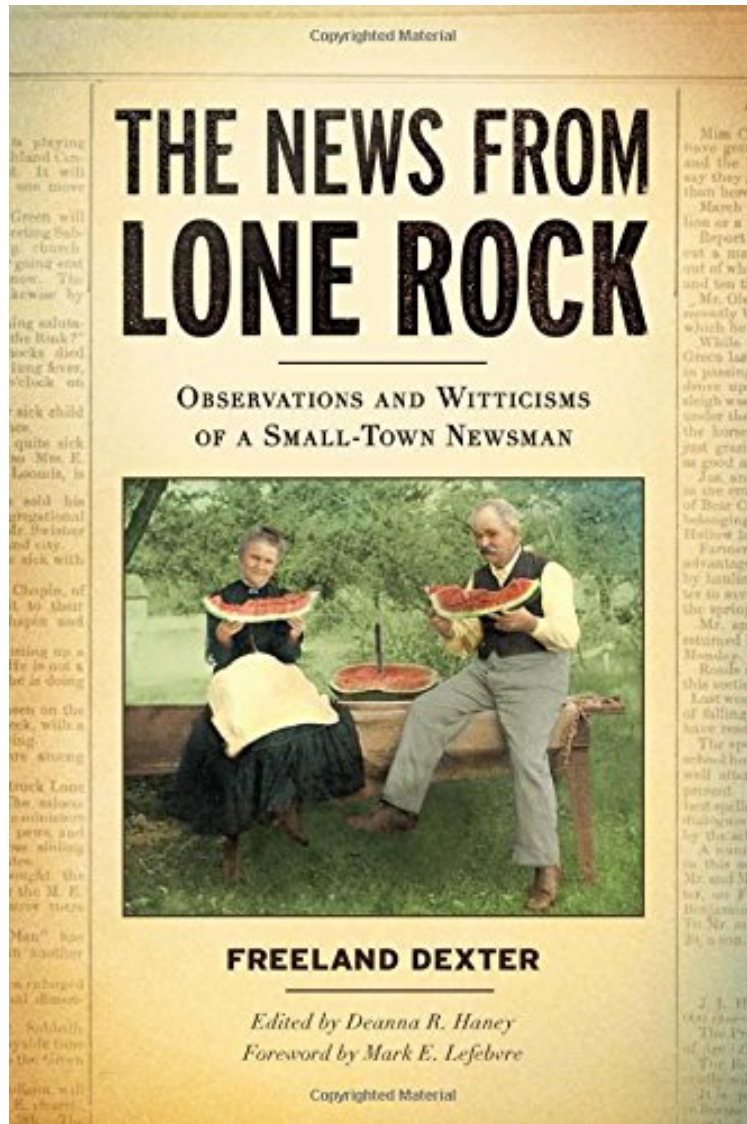


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up in Lone Rock, I found this to be most interesting, particularly since some of my ancestors were mentioned.<sup>2</sup> of 2 people found the following review helpful. InterestingBy DarrenIngram\_dot\_comThis is a somewhat different, quirky book that may have limited geographical appeal at first glance, due to it being a collection of old newspaper clippings from a small U.S. town. Yet surprisingly it was quite an interesting read!Freeland Dexter reported on Lone Rock, the Wisconsin town of a thousand residents, for a weekly newspaper from 1884 to 1912 and this is a collection of some of his observations that appeared in print. The editor of this book is the great granddaughter of Freeland Dexter and she should be justifiably proud about her work and her ancestor!It was clearly a different time and a different world. Will people look at 2016 news in 2116 and beyond with such curiosity? Will readers today care about what happened in Lone Rock back then, particularly if they have no connection to the area? This is difficult to say. This reviewer enjoyed it, perhaps due to its novelty, although it is unlikely that several similar books would necessarily be as charming and interesting. Perhaps one is sufficient and thus this book met the need and met it well.Could Dexter's observations back then, appearing in the local newspaper, be the equivalent of a social media posting today? Yes, quite possibly, as the observations were short, pithy and sometimes quite cutting. Although it does also remind this reviewer of some of the contributions he had the delight of editing as a cub reporter that had been sent in by community correspondents too... perhaps this is why it feels so familiar and enjoyable, although enjoyable was not an epithet he would have used when trying to edit things in the past.Take this one example from the book and you may get the idea: "A candy pull was held at the home of L. H. Lee on Friday evening last. The old, middle-aged, and young took part in this, rendering it one of the most enjoyable events of the season. Candy, popcorn, and apples constituted the bill of fare. Eighty-two people were present and the fun did not cease until two o'clock in the morning."This is a book that won't necessarily have global appeal, although for many it could be a great little find and an enjoyable way of spending a few hours reading. People with a connection to that area, old journalists and the curious take note!<sup>3</sup> of 3 people found the following review helpful. Former Resident ReviewBy Susan A. LarkinThis wonderful book captures what life was like in a small town in Wisconsin in the late nineteenth and early 20th century. There are incidents that are both funny and horrifying. As a former resident of Lone Rock, I treasure this look at what life was like there many years before I was born.

At the turn of the twentieth century, the bustling railroad town of Lone Rock, Wisconsin, was home to about a thousand residents, and Freeland Dexter seemed to know the business of every single one. Dexter reported all the news from Lone Rock—from the significant to the trivial, the tragic to the comical—for the Weekly Home News of neighboring Spring Green from 1884 to 1912.This collection of Dexter's most fascinating, amusing, and poignant stories and observations brings back to life the colorful characters of his time and takes readers on a journey to a world that was both simpler and changing fast. Whether he was reporting who grew the biggest watermelon, teasing the local lovebirds, or taking a side on the ever-controversial question of whether the town should go dry, Dexter wrote with a distinctive wit and an obvious affection for his town and its people. The News from Lone Rock also provides an illuminating window into a time period of rapid technological progress, showing how the introduction of electric light, telephones, and cars changed lives and connected this quaint village more and more to the outside world.

About the AuthorFreeland Dexter, 1847–1912, lived most of his life in Lone Rock, Wisconsin. In addition to being the Lone Rock correspondent for the Spring Green Weekly Home News, Dexter worked as a farmer, beekeeper, and school teacher, played drums in the Lone Rock Brass Band, and at various times operated a shoe store, ice cream parlor, and millinery store in town.Deanna R. Haney, the great granddaughter of Freeland Dexter, wrote two books on the family's genealogy before curating this collection. She lives in Spring Green, Wisconsin.