

Village lot No. 13.—Nicholas Boilvin.

Entry of land made this fifteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, by Nicholas Boilvin, which is described as follows, viz: it being village lot number thirteen, in the Prairie des Chiens, bounded in front by Water street, on the north by lot number twelve, claimed by Wilfred Owen, on the south by lot number fourteen, claimed by the American Fur Company, and on the east by the lower marais; it being one hundred and ninety-four feet in width.

TESTIMONY.

Pierre Lapointe and Michael Brisbois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above-described tract of land has been continually occupied from the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five to the present time; and, to the best of their knowledge, Nicholas Boilvin is the just claimant.

Village lot No. 14.—American Fur Company.

Entry of land made this tenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, by John Jacob Astor, Ramsey Crooks, and Robert Stewart, merchants, known by the firm of the American Fur Company, which is described as follows, viz: it being village lot number fourteen, bounded in front by Water street, on the east by the lower marais, on the north by lot number thirteen, claimed by Nicholas Boilvin, on the south by lot number fifteen, claimed by Michael Brisbois, and is ten rods in width, and about one hundred and fifty rods in depth.

TESTIMONY.

Michael Brisbois, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that the above-described tract or lot of land was occupied thirty-one years ago by John Stork, who sold to André Todd, who sold to John Campbell, who sold to Lewis Crawford, who sold to the Michilimackinac Company, who sold to the Southwest Company, and is now claimed by the American Fur Company; that the occupation has been kept up by the aforesaid individuals and companies for said period of thirty-one years, or until it was taken possession of by John W. Johnson.

ANOTHER DEPOSITION CONCERNING THE SAME TRACT.

Dennis Courtois, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that the aforesaid tract of land was occupied in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three by John Stork, who sold said possession to André Todd, who sold to John Campbell, who sold to Lewis Crawford, who sold to the Michilimackinac Company, who sold to the Southwest Company, and is now claimed by the American Fur Company; and that said lot has been occupied by the above-named individuals and companies, from one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three to one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, when it was taken possession of by John W. Johnson.

Protest and documents filed with the commissioners by John W. Johnson, esq., United States factor at Prairie des Chiens.

PROTEST.

John W. Johnson, United States factor at Prairie des Chiens, enters, on behalf of the United States, a protest against the granting of a final certificate, by the commissioners, to the American Fur Company on their claim to a certain lot of land situated in the village of Prairie des Chiens, numbered by Judge Lee, the United States agent, lot No. 14, and bounded in front by Water street, in the rear by the marais, on the south by a lot claimed by Michael Brisbois, said lot being ten rods in front by about one hundred and fifty in depth; and on the behalf of the United States, and for the information of the said commissioners, he further states that, on the twenty-sixth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, he, the said Johnson, arrived at Prairie des Chiens; and, on the twenty-seventh of said month, entered into an agreement with François Bouthellier, agent for the Southwest Fur Company, to rent the building belonging to said company, and erected on said lot, as Indian factor, on behalf of the United States; that, on the twenty-first day of June following, and shortly after the departure of the said Bouthellier from the prairie, Brigadier General Smith informed the said Johnson that he should no longer pay rent to the said Southwest Company for the said buildings, as he said he felt authorized in taking possession of the said buildings for the use of the United States; in consequence of which the said Johnson, as factor as aforesaid, ceased to pay rent from that time, and still continues in the occupancy of the said buildings as public property; and the said Johnson further states that he has since erected other buildings, and made various repairs and improvements on said lot, at the expense of the United States, and under the sanction of the United States superintendent of Indian trade; the items of which said buildings, repairs, and improvements, will probably amount to about three thousand dollars, as will appear from the schedule hereto annexed, or as will more accurately appear by reference to the accounts rendered by said Johnson, in the office of the said superintendent of Indian trade, at Georgetown, District of Columbia.

JOHN W. JOHNSON, *United States Factor.*

DOCUMENTS WHICH ACCOMPANY THE ABOVE WRITTEN PROTEST.

Article of agreement between John W. Johnson and F. Bouthellier.

Agreed with François Bouthellier to rent the houses that he occupies, the property of the Southwest Company, from this day until the last of August next, unless he thinks proper to leave them before that time, at the rate of twenty-seven dollars per month; provided, nevertheless, that John W. Johnson, United States factor, should refuse to leave the said house, after giving him fifteen days' notice, from the thirty-