

of Pottawottamies and Ottawas, with some Chippewas and Menomonees. The Menomonee nation were friendly to the English, and their head chief at this time was Cha-kau-cho-ka-ma, or *The Old King*,* and his speaker was the half-breed, Carron, son of the early French trader who joined the Langlades soon after their first settlement at Green Bay. It appears by Gorrell's Journal, that Carron at this time was much thought of by both the French and English. His oldest son Glode, when a mere youth, had shared in the battle of Quebec, under the banner of Charles De Langlade. Carron had married a sister of Wau-pe-se-pin, or *The Wild Potatoe*, a prominent Menomonee, who visiting Milwaukee, was inveigled into taking part with them in the Pontiac scheme, and was persuaded to bear a red wampum belt to his nation, inviting them to assist in taking the fort. At my father, Pierre Grignon's, then residing at Green Bay, Wau-pe-se-pin was met by Old Carron, who, addressing him, said: "I know the object of your visit, and the purport of Pontiac's message; I want no such message as that, as I mean to do no wrong to my British friends. Is it possible that you, too, are leagued with the Milwaukee band? Go back, then, to your home among them, and let me see your face no more!" Failing to influence his brother-in-law Carron, Wau-pe-se-pin gave up his mission as hopeless, and retired to his cabin, instead of retracing his steps to Milwaukee. While Carron and his faithful Menomonees were on the alert, strictly watching lest the Milwaukee band might attempt some mischief, which, however, they did not dare attempt, at length Lieut. Gorrell, the Commandant of the fort, receiving instructions to abandon the post, left Green Bay, guarded to Mackinaw by Carron

*Cha-kau-cho-ka-ma sickened and died, while temporarily at Prairie du Chien with some of his family, about 1821; he was then nearly blind, and I think he was at least one hundred years old. He was a man of good sense, but no public speaker, and was highly esteemed by his nation. His certificate as Grand Chief of the Menomonees, given him by Gov. Haldimand, of Canada, August 17, 1778, which has been preserved by his family, is now in the Cabinet of the Historical Society. Oshkosh and Young Man are his grandsons.