

glade, through De Verville, are among the most respectable in the country.\*

Amable De Gere, who was commonly called La Rose, a native of Montreal, early wended his way to Mackinaw, and took part, as we have seen, in the old French and Indian war. He was a part of the time employed in the Indian trade for himself, and a part for others. He made Green Bay his home for several years, when not in the Indian country, and finally left for his native region, about 1790, and never returned to the West. He was then getting quite old, was unmarried, and was well regarded by my grandfather and all who knew him.

Another of the brave and hardy band who served under my grandfather, was Pierre Caree, a native of Canada. Like

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\*Gen. Hercules L. Dousman, of Prairie du Chien, whose lady, first the wife of the late Joseph Rolette, is a daughter of Capt. Fisher, has furnished the following note, embracing all he can ascertain of Capt. Fisher's career:

"So far as I can find out, his parents were Scotch, or of Scotch descent; and he was born near Lake Champlain, not far from the line separating the State of New York from Lower Canada, or Canada East; that he came from Canada by way of Mackinaw and Green Bay, somewhere about 1790. He carried on a very extensive trade with the Indians in the Prairie du Chien region, and furnished out-fits to other traders, some of whom traded above, and others below that place. The Sauks, Foxes, Sioux, Winnebagoes and Menomonees then resorted there in great numbers for the purpose of procuring supplies of clothing, ammunition, &c. He continued in trade at Prairie du Chien until 1815, when he left, in company with his son, and a son of the late Michael Brisbois, to join the Hudson Bay Company, as trader on the Red river of the North, and continued in the service of that Company until 1824. When I first saw him, in 1826, he had just returned from Lac Traverse, the head water of the Minnesota river, where he had passed two years in the employ of the American Fur Company. He then gave unmistakable evidences of a man of extraordinary activity and vigor for his age. He died at Prairie du Chien, in 1827. He was a tall, well-built, athletic man, and capable of enduring hardships and fatigue, and of course well calculated for a frontier life of those times. He was easily excited, and possessed indomitable courage and perseverance. The only public office that I can learn that he ever held, was that of Justice of the Peace, at Prairie du Chien, before the last war with Great Britain; his commission being from the Governor of Illinois Territory, as this part of the country was then attached to, or formed part of that Territory."

It may be added here, that in Capt. Z. M. Pike's visit to Prairie du Chien, in September, 1805, he speaks of Captain and Judge Fisher—"the Captain of Militia and Justice of the Peace." As Illinois Territory was not organized till 1809, Capt. Fisher must have received his commissions from Gov. Harrison, of Indiana Territory, which was organized in 1800, or from Maj. Amos Stoddard, the First Civil Commandant of Upper Louisiana, since Missouri, when that country passed into possession of the Americans, in 1804.

Besides Mrs. Gen. Dousman, another daughter of Capt. Fisher is Mrs. Henry S. Baird, of Green Bay.

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