

De Gere, he was sometimes a clerk for other traders, and sometimes trading for himself. During the war of 1812-15, he acted as interpreter for the British Col. Robert Dickson. In the fall of 1812, Col. Dickson started from Mackinaw with government goods for the Indians around Prairie du Chien, taking with him Carce as interpreter; but winter overtaking them at Winnebago Lake, they became frozen in, and spent the winter on Garlic Island, between the present Oshkosh and Neenah; in the spring they continued on to Prairie du Chien, distributed the goods, and started on their return journey. At the mouth of the Maniste river,* a stream emptying into Lake Michigan, above Green Bay, they encamped, and the next morning finding themselves wind-bound, Carce took his gun and went out a hunting, and unfortunately got bewildered and lost. Col. Dickson staid two days endeavoring to find him, but without success, when he continued on to Mackinaw. Carce soon lost his flint from his gun-lock, and though he had ammunition, his gun was useless to him. As it was in May or early June, there were no wild fruits, and he ate roots and almost anything he could find. One day a hawk flying over him with a partridge in its claws, spying Carce, dropped its game, probably from sudden fear, which the half-starved man devoured raw. He at length reached the Lake shore, and there found a half decayed fish, and poor as it was, he made a meal out of it, and kept on up the Lake, and finally reached human habitations, at Point St. Aeneas, six miles from Mackinaw, just fifty days after he got lost. He was so emaciated that he was scarcely recognized by those who knew him well. He had well nigh lost his senses, and had to be nursed some time before his recovery, when he was sent to his friends in Canada. Two years afterwards he was heard from, when he was still with his relatives, and well. He had no family.

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*This is Mr. Grignon's pronunciation; its orthography, on the old maps, is *Monistique*. L. C. D.