

Wisconsin, about two miles above the Portage; others came down from Lake Puckawa, and the village increased in size and importance. When Barth first located, he built a house at the Portage, but finding the water overflowed the locality, he removed the next year to the high ground half a mile above. The next settler was Jean Lecuyer, a brother-in-law of the chief De Kau-ry, who went there in 1798, and who also obtained permission to transport goods over the Portage. The goods were hauled over in carts. Barth had only a single horse cart; but when Lecuyer came, he had several teams and carts, and had a heavy wagon, with a long reach, constructed by a wagon-maker he had brought there, so as to transport barges from river to river. About 1803, Mr. Campbell, who was afterwards the first American Indian Agent at Prairie du Chien, purchased Barth's right of transportation. Campbell, soon after he purchased Barth's right, sold out his fixtures to Lecuyer, who supposed Campbell was thereby relinquishing all further intentions of the business; but Campbell placed his son, John Campbell, and afterwards his son Duncan Campbell, at the east end of the Portage, and had several teams to convey goods, and a large wagon to transport barges. After he sold out his transportation right, Barth removed to Prairie du Chien, where he died before the war of 1812. After Campbell's death in a duel, as already related, about 1808, his business was closed up; and about two years afterwards, Lecuyer sickened and died, leaving several children. After Lecuyer's death, his widow employed Laurent Fily to continue the business in her behalf, and he continued till about the commencement of the war, when Francis Roy, a son of Joseph Roy of Green Bay, married Therese, daughter of Mrs. Lecuyer, and took charge of the business, and continued in it many years. Mr. Roy is still living, I believe, at Green Lake. Awhile after the war, Joseph Rolette commenced the transportation business at the Portage, employing Pierre Poquette to manage the business for