

## Witherell's Reminiscences

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The following reminiscences originally appeared in the Detroit papers, at intervals, during the past five or six years, mostly over the signature of "Hamtramck," and well deserve a more permanent record. It will be seen, that many of them relate to incidents connected with the war of 1812-15, in the North-West; and as all portions of the North-West participated in, more or less, and felt the effects of, that war, so all parts are interested in its history. Much also relates to Indian anecdote and character, and no particular region can claim to be the special custodian of that interesting portion of our national history. Wisconsin is as much interested in its preservation as Michigan; nor should they be separated in the pious work of gathering and preserving these fragmentary notices, since both were united, from 1818 to 1835, a period of seventeen years, in forming the Territory of Michigan, and should feel an equal interest in these commendable efforts.

Judge Witherell, the author of the series, has resided at Detroit from his childhood, and has enjoyed rare advantages for the collection, from eye-witnesses, of the facts and narratives he has here recorded. They cannot fail to prove a valuable source of reference to all writers upon the history of the North-West.

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