

First Settlement of Kenosha

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In treating of the first settlement of a place that has afterwards grown to be one of some importance, many little incidents acquire interest, if not significance, from their connection with the incipient period of the existence of that place.

Upon the same principle, we sometimes listen with interest to an account of the youthful performances of a man of prominence, not that these performances are anywise remarkable, except as being connected with one whose after life has given interest to all such particulars.

So, also, where two armies have engaged in hostilities, incidents and facts, that would not under ordinary circumstances demand a moment's consideration, become of sufficient importance to be adverted to with manifest interest in connection with the main event.

So, indeed, do all human events that are attended with any considerable results, interest our minds in looking after the minor, as well as the more marked, particulars.

Assuming that Kenosha has obtained sufficient present and prospective importance to give interest to some of the minor details of her infancy, it may not be considered inappropriate to speak of some incidents in the early history of the place, which, under other circumstances, might be thought too trivial to call for even a passing notice.