

John Bullen, Esq., as the representative of a number of individuals of Oswego county, N. Y., who desired to emigrate to the West, arrived at Kenosha, on Sunday, the 14th day of June, 1835. With Mr. Bullen came also Messrs. Edwin C. Hart, William Bullen, and C. W. Turner; and on the following day, Messrs. Hudson Bacon, Gardner Wilson, and Cephas Weed, part of whom were associated with Mr. Bullen in looking up a location, and a part, perhaps, of the number taking advantage of the opportunity to look up a new home for themselves on their own individual account. These were the first white men who were known to have visited the place. Mr. Bullen, and his associates, soon determined to make Kenosha the point of location. They had with them, however, no tools with which to construct even a temporary shelter, and, consequently, they encamped for several days on the north side of the harbor, and in what is now the second ward of the city. They were also destitute of cooking implements, and Mr. Bacon, who did the duties of steward on that occasion, dug a trench with his knife in the body of a fallen tree, into which he placed the meat and other articles of food as they were taken out of the fire, and from that trench the party severally helped themselves to food.

At this time there were three or four Indian villages within a range of three miles of the place, but the principal one of which was situated on the east bank of Pike creek, opposite the present Lake Shore Railroad bridge. This village was mainly built on the creek bottom, and extended for some distance on that stream. The land now embraced in fractional block sixty-nine, was the focus and centre of this *Indian Metropolis*. There were also upon the Island, fourteen or fifteen graves of Indians, on two of which the Indians had erected poles, that were painted, and from the top of one of these poles was still to be seen a white flag, the ample folds of which were waved by the breeze. In close proximity to these graves, were the bodies of two Indians that were set