

In the winter of 1838, the entire business establishments of the place, (with the exception of a block tavern, on Main street, kept by Dea. H. Whitney,) were situated on Lake and Pearl streets. There were four mercantile establishments, to wit: Hale & Bullen, Francis Quarles, R. H. Deming, and William Bullen & Co., all situated on Lake street, north of Pearl. The post office was kept in the store of William Bullen & Co. On Pearl street was located the *Kenosha Cepee House*,* kept by J. H. Boardman, a blacksmith shop by David Crossit, a tailor shop by Philander Dodge, a boot shop by Nathan Dye, and R. B. Winsor had a shop in which he manufactured harness, or window sash, and doors, in such proportions as the wants of his customers demanded. Mr. Dye, who made it a rule to make no pretensions that were not substantially warranted by facts, not to mislead the public as to the article they would obtain at his shop, put no other letters on his sign board except those composing the two words, "Coarse Boots." But the business of boot making was but little in unison with Mr. Dr. Dye's taste or inclination. Singing, and teaching others to sing, were his peculiar delight. It mattered not how pressing the work in his shop might be, he would gather into it all the little children in the neighborhood, and practice them in his favorite pursuit.

Hon. Samuel Hale, since widely known as an enterprising and successful business man, and also in political life as a member of the Legislature, then held the office of Justice of the Peace, under appointment of the Governor of the Territory.

The population of Kenosha at that time was two hundred.

In the spring of 1838, a bill was introduced in Congress to grant a special pre-emption to the lands embraced within the corporate limits of Kenosha. The main features of the bill

*We learn elsewhere in this paper, that Kenosha was the Indian name for Pike, and ce-pee, or se-pee, is the common Aboriginal designation for creek or river—hence, in plain English, the *Pike Creek House*.
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