return that he too was brave, and would put their boasted bravery to the test; and then produced a keg nearly full of gunpowder, with the head out, and carefully inserted the lower end of a lighted candle in the combustible article, so that the light was about six inches above the powder, and then composedly lit his pipe and sat down beside the Indians, saying he would soon see who the brave men were. The Indians soon rushed out of the house as for their lives, when Farnsworth cautiously removed the candle so as not to drop a spark. After this exhibition of bravery, the Indians became very friendly with Farnsworth, and the Fur Company gave up their fruitless efforts against him. I give this sketch of William Farnsworth to show to what extremities the Fur Company would carry their plans in order to rid themselves of any one who attempted to oppose them, or interfere with their desired monopoly of the Indian trade. I may add that Farnsworth remained at his post, near the mouth of the Menomonee, a great many years; and by his woman whom he took away from the trader, he raised three fine children, all of whom have made good citizens.

At Mackinaw I engaged with a man of the name of Burr, who was going to Green Bay with a stock of goods. I took charge of the goods, and placing them on board of a small schooner, sailed for Green Bay, where I arrived on the 9th of May, 1820. I rented a store three miles above Fort Howard, opened my goods and groceries and commenced trading. About that time a detachment of troops was sent to Green Bay to build another fort on the east side of Fox River, a short distance above where I was located. The soldiers were daily passing and re-passing from one garrison to the other; and would frequently call at my place, and get something to drink. The officers finding it out, forbid the soldiers calling at my trading establishment. A few days after, an officer called and inquired what I kept for sale? I replied that I kept all kinds of groceries, and invited him to take a drink of good brandy. He did so. Then learning for a certainty that I