known as Kenosha, and both places made fine advances. The
first log house erected at Fond du Lac was erected in 1836; and
Thomas Green kept the first public house there.

In 1835, the citizens of Green Bay obtained a charter from
the Michigan Legislature to build a dam across Fox River, five
miles above its mouth, at Depere, which improved the naviga-
tion of the river very much.

Delegates were elected, in 1835, to form a State Constitu-
tion for Michigan; which being effected, left the region west of
Lake Michigan, to be organized into the separate Territory of
Wisconsin. The new Territory was organized July 4th, 1836,
with Gen. Henry Dodge for Governor, John S. Horner for
Secretary, Charles Dunn for Justice of the Supreme Court,
and Wm. C. Frazier and David Irwin, Jr. for Associate
Justices. The first election held for members of the Territorial
Legislature, was in September, 1836. According to the appor-
tionment, Brown County was entitled to two members of the
Council, and three representatives in the House of Assembly;
and Henry S. Baird and John P. Arndt were chosen to the
Council, and Ebenezer Childs, Albert G. Ellis, and Alex. J.
Irwin to the House—Geo. McWilliams contested Irwin's seat
and gained it. When I was nominated for a seat in the Legis-
lature, I resigned the office of Sheriff of Brown County, and
was elected without opposition.

The Governor convened the first Legislature at Belmont, in
what is now La Fayette County, and we met there on the 25th
of October, 1836. What is now the state of Iowa, then
formed a part of Wisconsin Territory. Wisconsin proper
then had a little over 7,000 population, and Iowa proper a
little over 5,000. The representation from the Iowa side of
the Mississippi was nearly as large as that from Wisconsin
proper—what for convenience sake, I will call Iowa, had six
Councilmen and twelve Representatives, while Wisconsin pro-
per had seven Councilmen and fourteen Representatives. The
accommodations at Belmont were most miserable, there being
but a single boarding-house. The whole of the Brown dele-

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