

Brown County was first organized by a proclamation issued by the Hon. Lewis Cass, the present Secretary of State of the United States, then Governor of Michigan Territory, dated 26th of October, 1818, with the following boundaries: North and east by the present State line of Michigan; south by the States of Indiana and Illinois; and west by a line drawn due north from the northern boundary of the State of Illinois, through the middle of the portage between the Fox and the Wisconsin Rivers, to the Michigan line, and embracing all of the present counties of Kenosha, Racine, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Sheboygan, Manitowoc, Kewaunee, Door, Walworth, Waukesha, Washington, Fond du Lac, Calumet, Outagamie, Shawano, Oconto, Winnebago, Dodge, Jefferson, Rock, Columbia, Marquette, Waushara, Waupaca, Brown proper, and parts of Dane and Green.

The history of Brown County up to 1830 is, in fact, the history of Green Bay, for until about that period there was no other white settlement within its limits. I do not, of course, now allude to the present City of Green Bay, as *it* was not founded until some years after I became a resident of Wisconsin.

In the month of July, 1824, I first landed upon the shores of the Fox River. In September following, I came with my wife from Mackinaw, having resided at the latter place for two years previously. My knowledge of the early history of the State commenced at that period, and has continued uninterrupted until the present time. I have ever since my first arrival continued a resident here, and with no desire to arrogate to myself any particular merit, may, I think, be permitted to say that I have been, to some extent, identified with the history of the country. Through all the vicissitudes and alternations connected with her history, I have (with a few other of her pioneers) remained a firm believer in her future prosperity. Ever true to her interest, I have disregarded the advice of friends to change my residence, with a view to bettering my condition, and treated with contempt the sneers and scoffs of those who