

Mr. Brisbois further says, that the principal chief who early lived at Prairie du Chien, was Chien (or Dog), who was of the Fox tribe; that he lived at the old Indian Town, now Lower Town of Prairie du Chien—don't know what became of him. Michael Brisbois, in his deposition taken by the Land Commissioner in 1820, states that there was a large Indian family of Des Chiens, some of them still remaining there after his arrival in 1781. They probably retired to their Sauk and Fox friends at the mouths of Rock and Turkey rivers.

Michael Brisbois "did in Rome as Romans do"—in accordance with the early customs of this wild wilderness country, when he took to himself about 1785, a fair and handsome Winnebago wife, said to have been a daughter, by a Winnebago woman, of Charles Gautier de Verville, who figured so prominently under Charles de Langlade in the old French and Indian War; and by this marriage had three children—one of whom was Michael Brisbois, Jr. This Winnebago wife was living, within the recollection of informant, among her people. On the 8th of August, 1796, Michael Brisbois was married at Mackinaw, to Domitelle Gautier de Verville, generally called Madelaine, daughter of Charles Gautier de Verville and his wife, who was a Miss Madelaine Chevalier¹. By this marriage, he had several children—the oldest a daughter, died young; the next, Charles, was born in 1798, who, after the peace of 1815 engaged in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company and returned home in 1843, after twenty-eight years' absence. He was a lieutenant in Capt. Wiram

¹ Ancient records as cited by L'ent. D. H. Keiton, in his *Annals of Mackinaw*, p. 65; B. W. Brisbois' statement. Mr. Brisbois adds concerning his grandfather, Charles Gautier de Verville, that while he was an early Indian interpreter, apparently for the British government, he had children among the Sioux, and one among the Sauks and Foxes. He was thoroughly versed in the languages of all the Northwestern tribes. He was also at one time in the South—at the Arkansas Post, or possibly at St. Lou's, under Spanish regime; for Mr. Brisbois has heard his mother say, that her father, Gautier de Verville, received a grant of 3,000 acres of land on the Arkansas River, probably for services as interpreter; and from the French or British government, all of Bo's Blanc Island, near Mackinaw; but somehow the title papers were lost and both tracts, for want of proper evidence, were lost to him and his descendants.