

ticular recollection about it. Capt. Dease was living somewhere in the region of Manitoba, quite aged, as late as about 1865.¹

Mr. Brisbois has no knowledge of the "Col. Diajon," mentioned in Capt. Anderson's narrative; he could not have been a resident of Prairie du Chien—he was probably a mere camp follower of McKay's troops, and retired with them.

Of Col. Robert Dickson, the famous British leader of the Sioux, Winnebagoes, and Menomonees, Mr. Brisbois has a good remembrance. He had a red head and a red face. When at Prairie du Chien, he always stopped with Mr. Brisbois, Sr., he would bring newspapers with him, and was a great reader. Has no knowledge of his son. Joseph K. Brown, a native of York County, Penn., and a discharged drummer from the army, went to Minnesota. He is favorably mentioned in Mr. Neill's *History* of that State, as an early trader, a member of the Wisconsin Territorial legislature, and of the Territorial council of Minnesota, and afterwards editor of the *St. Paul Pioneer*. He married a half Sioux daughter of Col. Dickson, and though partially educated, she did not turn out well.

Though he knew Capt. Duncan Graham, Mr. Brisbois can give no particulars of his career. He was a small sized man, quite

¹ *Hist. Minnesota*, fourth edition, p. 283; and p. 280 of the same work shows Dease and others were at Fond du Lac, Minnesota, collecting Chippewa warriors for the British service in 1812. Capt. Dease probably descended from Dr. John Dease, of the Mohawk valley, a friend of Sir Wm. Johnson, and one of his pall-bearers in 1774.

Capt. Francis Michael Dease, as I learn from his nephew, John Dease, of Pembina Co., Dakota, was born at Niagara, Aug. 10th, 1786. He seems to have taken part in the capture of Mackinaw from the Americans in 1812; probably served with Col. Robert Dickson on the Maumee in 1813; and shared in the capture of Prairie du Chien in 1814. He appears at this period to have filled the double position of sub-Indian agent under Col. Dickson, and captain of the militia of Prairie du Chien. His life was mostly devoted to the Indian trade, and he was engaged in both the North West Fur Company, and the Hudson's Bay Company service. He was never married, and died on Red River, now Manitoba, Aug. 15th, 1865, at the age of 79 years.