

his friends, and severe on his enemies. He left considerable property, which was largely absorbed in the payment of his obligations, and in litigation with the American Fur Company. His widow, by his second marriage, the daughter of Henry Monroe Fisher, the early Prairie du Chien pioneer, subsequently became the wife of Gen. Dousman, and died January 13, 1882, in her seventy-sixth year.

Jean Joseph Rolette, in consequence of his early settlement in the country, and from his energy and enterprise as a trader and merchant, well deserves to be kindly remembered as one of the prominent pioneers of Wisconsin.

Pages 297, 298, Capt. Francis M. Dease. A few additional facts from his nephew, John Dease, enables us further to state, that Capt. Dease, on retiring from the Hudson Bay Company's service, settled on the east bank of Red River, opposite Winnipeg. The great flood of 1852, carried away his house, barn and other improvements, when he removed three or four miles above St. Boniface, on the same side of the river, where he continued to reside till his death. He was about five feet ten inches in height, strongly built, with broad shoulders, remarkably strong, and possessing a kind and pleasing countenance. As he was a witness to Archibald Campbell's will on St. Peter's River, in Dec., 1802, when he was only eighteen years of age, it may be presumed that he had not long before engaged in the Indian trade.

Richard Dease, the grandfather of Capt. Francis M. Dease, married Ann Johnson, of Damastown, Ireland, a sister of Sir Wm. Johnson; and Richard Dease's brother, Francis Dease, an eminent physician, engaged in the employ of Catharine II, of Russia, and dying unmarried, about 1739, left his fortune to his brother Richard, whose match with Miss Johnson he had been instrumental in forming. But through the dishonesty of an agent in St. Petersburg, Richard Dease never received one penny of the large estate devised him by his brother. Dr. John Dease, the friend of Sir Wm. Johnson, was apparently the elder brother of Richard and Francis Dease, as they had a brother of that name.

Pages 298, 299, Capt. Duncan Graham. Archibald Campbell's will shows that Captain Graham was in the Dakota country as an Indian trader as early as 1802—probably much earlier, as Judge Lockwood, in his narrative on *Early Times and Events in Wisconsin*, given in the second volume of the Society's *Collections*—who knew Capt. Graham well—fixes the time of his advent to Wisconsin about 1786 or 1787, when he must have been very young. There seems to be some doubt as to whether he died at his daughter's, Mrs. Buisson's at Wabasha, or at his daughter's, Mrs. Faribault's, at Mendota, Dakota County, Minn.; but his grandson, G. H. Faribault, says it was at the latter place, and in the spring of 1846. All agree that he died of old age—probably nearer eighty than seventy-five, which would fix his birth year about 1766, and made him about twenty when he first came to the Northwest.