

a visit to St. Louis, and in its fatal termination the community lost one of its most valuable citizens, and society an honorable member. He was born and educated in the Western country, and from youth to manhood, had been engaged in the fur trade connected with the Hudson Bay Fur Company. Residing in a country where there was no law, he ever acted upon the principles of right, and formed a character, which in his intercourse with his fellow-man, had won for him the confidence and respect of all. As a soldier, his upright and impartial conduct had secured him the confidence of his superiors in rank, and the respect of all under his command; as a citizen he was liberal and active; as a friend, faithful, generous and kind. He left a wife and family, and a large number of relatives and friends. We buried him in the old Catholic burying ground with military honors, and a large concourse of the people were in attendance, and joined in the solemn obsequies that consigned to their last resting place, the earthly remains of Lieut. Charles Brisbois.

After Brisbois died, I was promoted to the First Lieutenancy in the volunteer company of "*Dodge Guards*" and received my commission dated from the 13th day of August, 1847. I took an active part in the affairs of the post, often performing duties that belonged more properly to the commanding officer, while Capt. Knowlton* being a superior disciplinarian took much pride in drilling the men.

During the year 1848, just previous to the adoption of the State Constitution, the Winnebago Indians were scattered through the country along the Wisconsin and Fox Rivers, through the Kickapoo Timbers, and the Lemonweir Valley. Orders came from the Sub-Indian Agent, J. E. Fletcher, to collect and remove them to their Reservation, near Fort Atkinson, Iowa.

* Wiram Knowlton, in 1828-29, resided with his father on a farm near Lockport, New York, and was an attendant, in the winter, at the same school with the writer of this note. We well remember he was fond of guns, and used to stock them. Studying law, and early locating at Prairie Du Chien, he was elected Circuit Judge of his district, and served from 1850 to 1856; and died a few years since at Prairie du Chien.