

in 1799. In the year 1818, he settled at Detroit, Michigan, where the writer first became acquainted with him in the Spring of 1822, nearly forty-five years ago. A young lawyer of good repute, he was the next year, 1819, admitted to the Supreme Court of that Territory; and was the same year promoted rapidly to places of public trust—being appointed Secretary of the Legislative Council, and Clerk of the Court.*

Although young—only twenty-three—when I first became acquainted with him, and quite juvenile in appearance, he was decidedly popular with the people, and had already attracted the attention of Gov. Cass, who took much interest in all young men of character and talent. He had a fine address, was of a sociable and genial disposition—thereby winning the good will, respect and friendship of his acquaintances.

Gov. Cass, in 1820, made his famous tour of the Great Lakes, and the Mississippi to its sources, traveling a distance of four thousand miles with his party, in five bark canoes. Mr. Doty was selected by the Governor to command one of the birch flotilla; C. C. Trowbridge and John H. Kinzie each having charge of another. The trip from Detroit to Mackinaw and the Sault St. Marie consumed nearly 90 days, and was one of great difficulty and peril. It was on this oc-

* Charles C. Trowbridge, Esq., of Detroit, in a letter to the Secretary of the Society, furnishes these reminiscences of Gov. Doty: "I knew him intimately when he lived in Detroit. I found him here when I came, in September, 1819, and roomed with him, made the tour of the Lakes with him in Gen. Cass's expedition in 1820, and enjoyed his uninterrupted friendship while he lived. He preceded me to Detroit a few months. He became the law partner of George MacDougall, a native of Michigan, of Scotch and French descent. MacDougall was then an elderly man, a little inclined to *le timbre fêlé*, which made him, at times, cross and troublesome. His mental malady so mastered him the winter of John Quincy Adams' election as President, that he caused a French carole to be made, with double bottom, in which to carry some frozen white fish, from Detroit, through Ohio and over the Alleghanies, as a *bonne bouche* for the President, and was all ready to set out on his journey, when his reason returned.

"MacDougall predicted from the first that Doty would become a man of mark. The co-partnership continued for several years, I think, probably, till Doty was made Judge of the Northern District. Doty had charge of the pleadings and docket, and MacDougall assisted in court, where his excellent knowledge of the French language was a counterbalance to his lack of legal attainment and good *horse sense*. While Governor Doty lived in Detroit, he was distinguished for close application to his profession and for frugality. I have been told that he manifested a widely speculative turn, unregulated by proper judgment, in Wisconsin. He may have possessed the germ of that tendency when here, but in that day there was nothing to speculate with or upon. The hum-drum of Territorial life was as near inanition as possible. Even as late as 1834, I declined becoming a party to the purchase of one-fourth of the Kinzie addition to Chicago, the North Side, at five thousand dollars. Ten years prior to that I was in Chicago, and would not have given that sum for both sides of the river as far as the eye could extend.

"I would gladly furnish you something upon Governor Doty's history, which might be of service in your annals, but our long separation has rendered it out of my power."