

platted by T. Weston & Co., in 1856, and incorporated as a village by act of the legislature, February 28th, 1870.

Previous to the treaty of Fort Winnebago, in the fall of 1836, by which the Winnebago tribe of Indians ceded all of their lands lying south of the Lemonweir River, and east of the Wisconsin River, to the general government, the territory now embraced within the limits of Juneau County was only known to Indian traders and trappers. Soon after that treaty, however, immigration began to extend west into Sauk and other counties on the west side of the Wisconsin; but still the country north remained a wilderness for several years longer, and not until the attention of lumbermen was turned to the Baraboo and Lemonweir rivers, were any permanent settlements made in that section of the country. By the treaty of Lake Poygan, in the fall of 1848, the Menomonee Indians ceded all their lands lying west of the Wolf River, and south of the Waupaca, to the general government.

In the political division of the State, the country now known as Juneau County was for a time cast off without a name, and only known as the country adjoining Sauk County on the north. The political history of the county properly dates from the organization of Adams County, in the year 1848, in which year the latter county was established by act of the Territorial legislature, and attached to the county of Sauk. The boundaries of Adams County at that date extended from the south line of township fourteen to the north line of township twenty, and from ranges two to seven, both included, embracing the present counties of Adams and Juneau, and covering an area of fifteen hundred and sixty-six square miles. Up to this date, the settlements in the county were confined to the towns of New Haven and Dell Prairie, on the east side of the Wisconsin River; and to the Lemonweir valley, on the west side. Previous to the year 1851, the lumbermen were the pioneer settlers west of the Wisconsin, as they have, in fact, been throughout the central and northern portions of the State.

In the winter of 1849, the boundaries of the county on the west side of the Wisconsin, were changed. Sauk County *borrowing*, by act of the legislature, all of township fourteen, and the