

came known as Judge Reaume. This legal title was acquired from having been commissioned, in the year 1808, a justice of the peace, by General Harrison, then governor of the Northwest Territory. He was a native of Canada, and had received in early life more than an ordinary education for that day. He subsequently engaged in the mercantile business; but, being unfortunate in that pursuit, he abandoned his early home and friends, and sought a refuge in less civilized society. He was a proud, pompous man, who generally managed, by fair means or foul, to live as well as the country could afford. A red coat, which he wore, to distinguish himself from the more common citizen, may now be seen in the cabinet of the State Historical Society at Madison. A variety of anecdotes are related in the earlier volumes of this Society, of the queer modes of practice in his court, and of his quaint judicial decisions. He was the first commissioned civil officer in Green Bay, and in the country which at present makes up the State of Wisconsin. Though his commission was never renewed, he continued to act under it, until the organization of Brown County, by the Territorial legislature of Michigan, in the year 1818; a period of ten or eleven years. His library did not contain even so much as the statutes of the Territory. It is not known that he ever kept docket. After the organization of Brown County, which embraced about one-half of Michigan Territory west of Lake Michigan, Judge Reaume sold his possessions near Green Bay, and settled about ten miles above, on the river, where he lived until the year 1822, when he died at the age of some sixty-five or seventy years.

Among others who early settled at this place, may be mentioned Pierre Grignon, a native of Montreal, who married for his second wife, a daughter of Charles de Langlade. Green Bay was his home, and the headquarters for his business operations. He had several other trading-posts or agencies for trafficking with the Indians. He was an intelligent and successful business man.

Augustin Grignon, who resided for many years on his farm, on the northern shore of Fox River, a few miles above the city of Oshkosh, in Winnebago County, was one of his