

Lake Pepin. Capt. Jonathan Carver, the first British traveler in Minnesota, mentions in his book of travels in 1766 "he observed the ruins of a French factory where it is said Capt. St. Pierre resided, and carried on a very great trade with the Naudowessies before the reduction of Canada." Lieut. Pike, the first officer of the United States army to pass through Lake Pepin, writing in 1806 of Point du Sable, or Sandy Point, which he reached on the same day of the same month as La Perriere in 1727, observes: "The French under the government of M. Frontenac, drove the Renards or Ottaquamies from the Ouisconsin, and pursued them up the Mississippi; and, as a barrier, built a stockade on Lake Pepin on the west shore just below Point du Sable, and, as was generally the case with that nation, blended the military and mercantile professions by making their fort a factory for the Sioux."

A short distance from the extreme end of the Point, near the mouth of what Pike, on his map, calls Sandy Point Creek, there is an eminence from which there is an extensive view of Lake Pepin below and above the sandy peninsula. There is evidence that there has been once a clearing there, and it is the most suitable spot in the vicinity for a stockade, and visible to any one coming up in a boat from the bend near where Lake City is now situated. By the valley of the creek, the Sioux of the prairies could readily bring their peltries to the post. The cannon-balls found in the ground at Frontenac station may have been discharged in some engagement with hostile Indians, or they may have been taken from the fort, after its abandonment, and placed in a cache.

The only satisfactory map, in relation to the early posts, is that of Franquelin,¹ De l'Isle's *Carte de la Louisiane et cours du Mississippi*, published in 1718, calls Lake St.

¹ Jean Baptiste Franquelin was the great cartographer of his day. He was born in 1653, and, in 1685, married Elizabeth Aubert, the widow of Bertrand Chesné. Gov. De la Barre, of Canada, in 1683, wrote to the French Government: "The map of the country I have had prepared for you, will give you a perfect knowledge of everything, and the means of interesting his Majesty therein. The young man who made these maps is