

same statement. I do not remember any evidences of bastions or block-houses.

Judge Ira B. Brunson's statement:—The old French fort is located on the front or west end of farm-lot number thirty-nine, and about 200 feet from a bayou of the Mississippi, which is navigable only by canoes in low water. I have just visited the ground where the old fort stood, accompanied by S. A. Clark, who built his dwelling-house within its ancient ramparts, about forty years ago; and, in building, he used the stones with which the old fire-places and chimneys were constructed. The stockade ditches on the east and north sides are still very distinct, not having been disturbed by cultivation. The fort proper was small, but was surrounded by a sort of palisade, enclosing nearly two acres, as I traced the trench on the east side 370 feet, in a very distinct and straight line. The stone chimneys or fire-places were laid up with clay, no appearance of lime having been used. Mr. Clark noticed the clay when he removed the stone. I lately visited the old fort locality in company with Col. Brisbois and Mr. Clark; and, after a thorough examination of the surroundings, and the map and notes of Lyon, Col. Brisbois very reluctantly conceded that he has entertained an erroneous notion as to the locality of this old landmark, of which Mr. Clark and I had no doubt—he supposing it was in the region of the railroad round-house and shops, where there are no old fort or military remains.

Samuel A. Clark's statement:—I came to Prairie du Chien June 19th, 1838. There was then a man residing in the Lower Town of the name of Brimmer, an Englishman, who had the only framed building in that part of the village. He said to me that he was on the spot where the old French fort or trading-post was located, and showed me the old stone that were used for the fire-places. The stone gave evidence that they had been used around fire, and the place had the appearance of having been the site of an old fashioned stick chimney, plastered with such clay as is found about a mile and a half from there in the bluff. It had the appearance of having been burned down; there was