

**Statement of John H. Folsom:**—Joseph Rolette and Denis Curtois often talked to me with regard to this old French fort. Rolette mentioned that a party came here, and carried off all the furs they could, and burned the remainder. He also informed me that Mrs. Cardinal witnessed this affair of Capt. Long; and my recollection is, that Rolette said he received the information directly from Mrs. Cardinal herself.<sup>1</sup> I remember hearing a conversation, in 1837, about this old fort, between Judge Lockwood, Judge Lawe, and Lewis Rouse, all old Indian traders, who talked about Long's operations in removing the better portion of the furs and peltries, burning the balance and the building used by the traders, and perhaps the stockade with it.

At that early period, fifty years ago, there were evidences of the old fort not now discernible—the clay that closed the cracks between the logs, and signs that at least a portion of the building had been banked up; and the tops of the old picketing could still be seen near the surface along the ramparts. For three or four months, in 1840, I lived a little way below the southwest corner, and frequently viewed these ancient remains.

This old Pig's Eye fort was probably designed for trading purposes, having a store-house for storing furs and outfits for traders, and, when necessary, guarded by a company of men in the long ago, probably before the Revolutionary War. Outside of this building, it is my opinion, the enclosure was used for a garden; and the whole designed for military purposes in emergencies. All early frontier settlements had their principal residences palisaded. Rolette's, Fisher's, and Lockwood's were all thus protected, so as to resist Indian attacks. In early times, as I understood, the village of the Sauks and Foxes was a little below this old fort.

Viewing recently the old fort locality in company with S. A. Clark, I am satisfied that where he points out as the northeast corner is correct; and so, probably, is the measurement of the east embankment by the late Judge Brunson,

<sup>1</sup> Rolette no doubt learned this fact from Mrs. Cardinal, he having settled at Prairie du Chien twenty-three years before her death.