

while out hunting near Prairie du Chien, before the War of 1812. He has no children living. His only living relatives are Shoneon, a nephew, and myself, a grandson.

"He went to Washington, and signed the treaty in 1831, and was the principal man in making it. About 1833, he removed from Green Bay to Kaukemo or Kaukalin, and, in that year, joined the Catholic church there, and became a prominent and very active member, helping to build the church edifice. In 1842, he removed to Poygan, and in 1852 to Keshena.

"The old church records were carried off by a priest and lost; so we are compelled to rely on our memories for early events, and may err slightly in some cases."

Louis B. Porlier, son-in-law of Augustin Grignon, an old Menomonee trader, who knew Iometah and wife well, writes:

"The old chief, Ayamahtah, or Fish Spawn, had but one name. His wife died in the fall, and he in the following spring, but I cannot recall the year. They had one son, Chawpoitook, or Going Through, and two daughters, and several relatives—all have passed away, except a grandson, who ranks as a chief, named Ahkenepaweh, or Earth Standing"—and who signed the treaty of 1831.

*Iometah's birth, death, and age.*—Taking Augustin Grignon's statement as to Iometah's birth, and Dr. M. M. Davis's as to the time of his death, he was born about 1772, and died in the spring of 1865, making him about ninety-three years of age; and according to his grandson, Joseph Gauthier, the old chief died two days after Ash Wednesday, which in that year, occurred on March 1st, thus fixing the time of his decease, March 3d, 1865.

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Augustin Grignon stated that in the British affair at Mackinaw, in 1814, Maj. Holmes was shot simultaneously by l'Espanjol and Yellow Dog, Menomonee chiefs, each claiming the honor of his fall. C. J. Coon, an old Indian trader, now of Briarton, Shawano County, states: "I was engaged in the Indian trade before Wisconsin became a State, and among my many acquaintances was an Indian named Aspis. He claimed to have Spanish blood, and was known by the Indians as Aspio, which means Spaniard. He often related to me his connection with the big English chief, Dickson, and his greatest war exploit was the shooting of Maj. Holmes, at Mackinaw, for which he drew a life pension from the British government.

"This fact I am personally acquainted with, that he would leave Oshkosh in the spring with his family, in a large bark canoe, coast along the Lakes down to Malden, and receive his British presents, and return home in time to draw his annuity with the Menomonees from the American government. He finally carried the thing so far as to raise the British flag in front of his wigwam on the pay-ground. Col. Jones, the