

lings of such smart-money, I see, to have been paid in one parish, in the year 1679. In 1651 Capt. Keen and seven others were chosen to go "the bounds of Boston in perambulation betwixt it and the towns around."¹

Judge Doty has already been described as prospecting upon Second, Third, and Fourth lakes in 1829, as early as May—that is more than five years before the government survey of that land took place. The land office at Green Bay was opened in 1835. In October of that year, Doty entered one hundred acres in T. 7, R. 9, S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 12. He thus became owner of the water power on the Catfish, the value of which he over-rated. The government price of the land was then \$1.25 per acre.

In January following he was trying to organize a company of twelve, each partner contributing a hundred dollars, for purchasing land on the Four Lakes in order to take advantage of the water privileges. Early in the same year he raised his aims higher, and in Gov. Mason, of Michigan, he found an associate with money. Thus he was enabled, on the sixth of April, 1836, to enter on the Madison site about a thousand acres for Mason,² and two hundred and sixty-one for himself. He was empowered by Mason and another buyer in the same tract, to use and dispose of their land as should seem to him best. He thus became the plenipotentiary over a sort of blind pool covering more than two square miles between Third and Fourth lakes.

He was not without rivals. In June or July of this same year, 1836, the so-called "City of the Four Lakes" was founded near Livesey's Spring, on the site of the trading-post

¹ *Record Commission*, Doc. 46, p. 106.

² Stevens Thompson Mason, born in Virginia in 1811—at the age of twenty was appointed by President Jackson, secretary of the Territory of Michigan, which then included Wisconsin—and in August of the same year, 1831, he became acting governor over that vast region, on the transfer of Gov. Cass to the war department in Washington. He continued in this office until Michigan became a State in 1837, and was then unanimously elected its first governor, and was re-elected. He is celebrated in law books as an "infant" office-holder, and deserves fame on the higher ground of having an old head on his young shoulders.