

Lawe and Grignon Papers, 1794-1821

These interesting old documents were presented to the Society by Col. James M. Boyd and Mrs. Ursula M. Grignon, of Green Bay. They give some inklings of the customs, doings, trade and commerce of early Wisconsin times; and exhibit undeniable evidence, that Judge Reaume had more system in his legal proceedings, and more impartiality in dispensing justice, than some of the old anecdotes about him would imply. They also go to show that Judge Reaume served as a justice of the peace in 1805, 1809, 1816, and 1817. The fact that he was made a judge of Brown County court, when the county was organized in 1818, is another proof that Judge Reaume must have possessed some merit and fitness for the position.

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SALE OF LAND MADE BY THE INDIAN NATION, 8TH AUGUST, 1794

Be it known to all the world that may look upon this, that we, the undersigned, chiefs of the Nation of savages named the Phalavoinnes, [Folles Avoines, or Menomonees], acting for the Nation at large, have given, granted and confirmed, and by these presents give, grant and confirm, to Jacob Franks,¹ his heirs, executors and assigns, and each of them, all our titles, claims and demands upon a tenement (holding) or piece of land, with all the appurtenances whatsoever, containing three arpents in front by a hundred arpents in depth, situated at The Bay in Upper Canada,² bounded in front by the Fox River, on the north by a piece of land granted to Dominique Ducharme, and upon all other sides by the lands not granted—for the term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years, clear and free from all gifts, grants, rents or incumbrances whatsoever, for value received.

In testimony whereof, we have, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, set beneath our hands and seals, at The Bay, this eighth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four.

¹ Uncle of Judge Lawe, of Green Bay.

² Green Bay.