

(myself), Nicholas,¹ Peter² and Mary, — a round dozen in all. Mother died at the home of my brother Joseph, in the town of Lawrence, Brown county, January 7, 1862, aged about 105 years.³

My father first went to Mackinaw, from Montreal, as a voyageur for the Northwest Fur company, in 1793,⁴ when he was 42 years of age. His first trip in that capacity was to La Pointe, in Chequamegon bay, Lake Superior. In 1794, he returned to La Pointe, but this time as a clerk for the company. In 1795, he was appointed as one of the company's agents, being sent out with a supply of goods to explore and establish posts on the west shore of Lake Michigan. The goods were contained in a large Mackinaw boat, heavily loaded and manned by twelve men. He, with his family, — consisting, then, of mother, Madeleine, Paul and Jacques, — followed in a large bark canoe, in which was also stored the camping equipage. My father's clerk, on that trip, was Mike le Pettéel.

The expedition started from Mackinaw in July. The first important camping place, furnishing a good harbor, was where Kewaunee is now situated. My father, I am told, established a "jack-knife" post near there, to open the trade, and left a man in charge of it. Father was called Jean Beau by the Indians,⁵ and the creek upon which his post

¹ Born in Milwaukee, "just opposite the present stock-yards," in 1826. — Ed.

² Born on the same spot, January 10, 1830. — Ed.

³ Cf. statements of Amable Vieau, in *Hist. Milw. Co.*, pp. 70-73. In regard to the statement in that work (p. 71), that the wife of Jacques Vieau, Sr., was "the daughter of a sister to a Pottawatomie chief," the narrator writes me, under date of Fort Howard, October 27, 1887: "As I told you when here, my father married the daughter of Joseph le Roy, not the daughter of an Indian chief; but my grandfather Le Roy married the daughter of an Indian chief, as I have always understood — Akeeneebaway (Standing Earth). That is what my grandmother Le Roy and my mother always told me." A Menomonee therein named Ahkenepaweh (Earth Standing) signed the Stambaugh treaty of February 8, 1831. — Ed.

⁴ *Hist. Milw. Co.* says (p. 71) he went there as early as 1776, which is more likely. — Ed.

⁵ He was commonly styled Jean Vieau, by his English and American acquaintances. — Ed.