

the beach and again on the high land, for fifteen or sixteen miles; thence, west southwest to Saukville,<sup>1</sup> a small Chippewa village, whose chief at that time was Wahmeteegoosh (Little Frenchman); thence directly southeast to Milwaukee, striking the Kilbourn—now the Waukesha—road. This path between Green Bay and Milwaukee was originally an Indian trail, and very crooked; but the whites would straighten it by cutting across lots each winter with their jumpers, wearing bare streaks through the thin covering, to be followed in the summer by foot and horseback travel along the shortened path. The other trail was by way of Fond du Lac, taking advantage of the military road along the east shore of Lake Winnebago; thence, south-southwest to Watertown; thence, east to Waukesha, and coming into Milwaukee on the Kilbourn road. The time occupied in traveling from Green Bay to Milwaukee was four days, either by foot or by French train,—the distance being estimated at 125 miles.

My establishment in Milwaukee consisted of two sections,—one, a miscellaneous store for the use of the general public and the other a room where Indians could be separately waited on. In June, 1837, I sold out to James Russell, of Danville, Ill., and spent the summer in Green Bay and Mackinaw.<sup>2</sup>

I ought to mention, here, that just before the time I opened my place in Milwaukee, in the fall of 1836, I became interested in the first store in Waukesha county,—on the old Kilbourn road. The firm name was McDonald, Maliby and Vieau, and our store was on the Nathaniel Walton farm, near Prairieville,—afterwards the village of Waukesha. We had a good stock of goods of a general character, amounting, I should say, to some \$5,000 or \$6,000. In the

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<sup>1</sup> On the Milwaukee river, about twenty-five miles above its mouth. In 1846, William Payne erected grist and saw-mills, and started a village there.—*Wis. Hist. Colls.*, ix., p. 394.—ED.

<sup>2</sup> In the MS. Vieau papers, in the archives of the Society, is the commission of A. J. Vieau as “first lieutenant of the 9th company of the 3rd regiment, composed of the original county of Milwaukee.” It is signed by Henry Dodge, territorial governor, at Mineral Point, June 1, 1837.—ED.