

I disposed of my venture, having had an excellent winter's trade. I had started in with only \$700 worth of goods. While at Port Washington, I would take in loads of turkeys, venison and other game by ox-team to Milwaukee, in which enterprise I was particularly successful.

When I left Milwaukee for the Port, my frame house in the former place was rented from me by Gov. Harrison Ludington, then a young man, newly married. With the results of my venture I now built two new houses and had money enough left in the fall of 1839 to go into business with Solomon Juneau, who had traded but little since I originally bought him out. In the spring of 1840, we dissolved partnership and divided our stock. That summer I bought and handled lumber from Two Rivers and other points, and dealt, as well, in dry goods, groceries and Indian supplies. This store was on the west side of East Water street, between Huron and Michigan.¹ I thus continued in trade in Milwaukee, and made money, until the fall of 1843, when I went to Two Rivers, [then called Twin Rivers] and took possession of John Lawe's old saw-mill there.² The place was then a small fishing village of some eight or ten houses, with perhaps twenty-five inhabitants. A part of the time I ran the mill myself, but leased it for the most part,—at first to Bascom and Ward; then, in 1844, to Daniel Smith of Manitowoc; in 1845, to H. H. Smith of Milwaukee, who finally bought the plant, about 1846. I also did some trading with the Indians while at Two Rivers.³

¹ Among the Vieau MSS. is a lease, wherein A. J. Vieau agrees to rent "the store room in the west side of the building," on lot 1, block 72, "town of Milwaukee, on the west side of the river," belonging to W. T. Beebee, for \$9 per quarter, for one year from May 15, 1840.—Ed.

² Erected in 1836. This old mill was said by a writer in 1881 to be "the sole representative of the lumber business in Two Rivers; it is still standing, but idle." The builders were Robert M. Ebbers and John Lawe, of Green Bay; it was the nucleus of the town of Two Rivers, and the first white settler there, Oliver Lougrine, was the man who ran the mill. Lawe also entered a large tract of land on which the settlement was founded.—Ed.

³ From the Vieau MSS. it is ascertained that during the winter of 1846-47, the narrator was also postmaster at Two Rivers. Oscar Burdicke appears