

I then opened a farm of three hundred and twenty acres between Neshoto and Two Rivers. After a couple of years, I went to live in Neshoto village; was chairman of the Manitowoc county board and held other local offices. In 1851, I removed to Ashwaubenon, or South Fort Howard (private land claim No. 21, west side of Fox), where I still live. During the winter of 1851-52, I established a store at Cooperstown (now New Denmark), one-half way to Manitowoc. But it was a failure and I brought the goods back to Green Bay and sold them at auction. In 1858, I started a store in the Bay Settlement near the Catholic church, some nine miles northeast of here. After a season or two I retired to my little farm,—private claim No. 21, west side of Fox river,—and have been here ever since.

---

You have called my attention to the statement in the *History of Racine and Kenosha Counties* [West. Hist. Co., 1879, p. 286] that “a Frenchman named Jacques Jambéau” established a trading post “as early as 1832, at what was called Skunk Grove, in the northwestern part of Mount Pleasant township, Racine county, and there conducted a thrifty business with the Indians.”

My father was called Jean Beau, by the Indians, as I have said before, and this was frequently corrupted by Americans and Englishmen into Jambéau. Now, this early trader at Skunk Grove was not my father, as one might suppose, but Jacques Vieau, Jr., my brother, who came to be called Jacques Jambéau, as the Indians have a habit of naming sons after the father;—all of us Vieaus being called by them Jean Beau, or Jambéau, after our father, who was very popular with the Pottawattomies. My brother Jacques, whether called Vieau or Jambéau, has been frequently confounded with his father by writers on early history.

I do not know when it was that my brother Jacques went out to Skunk Grove, with my brother Louis as his partner, to trade and live with the Pottawattomies, among whom

---

to have been the mail-carrier between Manitowoc and Two Rivers, at this time, his compensation being the net revenue of the route.— Ed.