

## NARRATIVE OF MORGAN L. MARTIN.

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IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE EDITOR.

I landed at Green Bay on the 20th of May, 1827—sixty years ago. Our vessel was the *La Grange*,<sup>1</sup> a chance sailor, loaded with officers and provisions for the garrison at Fort Howard. Among these officers was Brig. Gen. Hugh Brady, commanding the western department of the army, who was on a tour of observation to the western posts. Maj. Benjamin F. Larned, the paymaster, who, in 1854, became paymaster-general, was also with the party on an official visit to the fort, where he was no doubt welcomed by the troops. There were several civilian passengers as well, who had boarded the boat at Detroit, and were upon various errands to the people of the wilderness, although the greater number of such got off at Mackinaw, en route. Among the passengers for Green Bay was Father Fauvel,<sup>2</sup> a Catholic priest,—the first of his church, I think, to land in Green Bay after the close of the early missions; he stayed here with us for several years. I think that several military attachés, and Messrs. Cass and McKenney, were also on board,—the two latter being on their way to attend a treaty with the Menomonees, at *Butte des Morts*, which was held in August following.

I established my law office at Shanty Town. It was a room in a story-and-a-half frame building, still standing, and occupied by a branch of the Ducharme family.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Of Detroit, one of the Newberry line, Capt. Bingley. Another of the Newberry boats was officered by Capt. Allen.—Ed.

<sup>2</sup> For sketch of Fauvel's checkered career, see French's *Hist. Brown Co.* (1876), p. 70.—Ed.

<sup>3</sup> *The Green Bay Gazette* of Dec. 12, 1887, in a biographical sketch of Judge Martin, gives a list of his abiding places previous to his marriage: "He at first boarded with the families of Maj. Robt. Irwin and his sons at