

Once, Whitney established a man on the St. Peters river in Minnesota. Lawe had an agent named Stanislaus Chappue, who worked up trade on the Menomonee river; having for a neighbor one William Farnsworth,<sup>1</sup> equipped by Whitney. Down the Wisconsin, on the Wolf, in the Shawano country, on the upper Mississippi and along the bay shore, could be found the traders of this section, eager for peltries, and gathering about them crowds of Indians who had themselves become quite shrewd in bartering for those products of civilization which had grown to be a necessity of their being. Barter was at the time the only form of exchange in the frontier trade,— money was never used.

The community I found here, sixty years ago,<sup>2</sup> was more peaceful than any we have since known. There was but little crime. The French people were free-and-easy, good-hearted and hospitable. The greater part of the settlement was on the east side, but there was a scattering along the west bank. The lower part of the hamlet was very near the line between Astor and Navarino. The farm lowest down was that of Pierre Grignon; then, going up stream, that of John Lawe, a portion of which my residence now occupies; above this, a small farm owned by Louis Grignon. The next settler, whose place attained the dignity of a farm, was Lewis Rouse; Amable du Rocher had a farm above this; and then Joseph Ducharme, upon a portion of which Shanty Town was built. On the west side, Jacques Porlier owned the farm nearest the mouth, and above him was Dominique Brunet. I do not remember anything that could be called a farm until one got up to the place of a man called Prisque Hyott.<sup>3</sup> But altogether there were not over four or five real farms. There were several small spring-planting fields, scattered along on the east side of the river as far as Depere,— such as those of Robinson, Louis Beaupré,<sup>4</sup> La Mure,

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<sup>1</sup> In *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, ix., p. 397, Judge Martin has a sketch of Farnsworth.— ED.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. *Id.*, viii., p. 209; x., pp. 136-140.— ED.

<sup>3</sup> Spelled Aillotte, in *Id.*, x., p. 138, and Yout in *Id.*, iii., p. 242.— ED.

<sup>4</sup> Spelled Bauprez, *Id.*, p. 139.— ED.