

agent had become entangled with rival traders in his district, resulting in several suits then pending in the United States court. The agency building occupied by Major Brevoort and family was the headquarters of the officer commanding Camp Smith, which was only a few rods from Shanty Town, the commercial emporium of the Bay settlement. In my business intercourse with the agent, he appeared to me intelligent and agreeable—a very pronounced specimen of “the gentleman of the old school.” He had served many years as an officer in the United States army, appearing upon the register of 1812 as captain of the 2d regiment of infantry, of which Col. John Bowyer was commandant. His family consisted of his wife and an only daughter, afterwards married to a gentleman in Detroit, and I presume still living.¹ Of the life of Major Brevoort, after leaving the Indian agency at Green Bay, in 1830, I can give no particulars beyond the fact that he went to Detroit.

Brevoort succeeded Maj. John Biddle² as Indian agent at Green Bay. Biddle was also an officer of the United States army, previous to and during the war of 1812; he lived and

¹ *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, viii., p. 293, *et seq.*,— an entertaining sketch of early times in the Northwest, by Major Brevoort's daughter, Mrs. Mary Ann Brevoort Bristol.— ED.

² John Biddle was born in Pennsylvania; 2d lieutenant, 3rd artillery, July 6, 1812; 1st lieutenant, March, 1813; captain of 42d infantry, Oct. 1, 1813; transferred to corps artillery, May 17, 1815; major assistant inspector general, June, 19, 1817; disbanded, June 1, 1821. From August, 1815, to November, 1817, he was commandant at Fort Shelby, Detroit; in 1821, chairman of trustees of original Michigan University; in 1827–28, mayor of Detroit; 1828, first vice-president of the Historical Society of Michigan, holding the office for nine years, and in 1832, delivering an address before that body which is published in *Historical and Scientific Sketches of Michigan*; first president of Farmers and Mechanics' bank, of Detroit, 1829–1838; chairman of the Association for Promoting Female Education in Detroit; president of Michigan Central railroad in 1835. Elected to represent Michigan Territory in congress, in the fall of 1829, he arrived at Washington December 6, having been compelled to travel nine hundred of the intervening thousand miles on horseback, such were the difficulties of traversing the wilderness then stretching between the capital of the nation and the heart of the Northwest.— ED.