

papers are in the archives of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.<sup>1</sup> He was a man of superior intelligence, but extremely passionate,—which weakness sometimes involved him in personal difficulties with his neighbors, but never severed him from the true character of a polished and popular gentleman, both in and out of office. The descendants of Colonel Boyd are still residents of northeastern Wisconsin.

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The only Pawnee slave I ever saw, attracted my attention soon after my advent here. She was not then in bondage, having been freed some time before, but for many years succeeding her capture from her tribe she had been in a condition of slavery. She was, when I first saw her, the wife of a French voyageur named Busché, and some of their descendants are living in Green Bay at this time.

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I have been questioned relative to the Indian occupancy of the islands at the entrance of Green Bay. The group was originally known as the "Pottawattamie islands," and all, I think, were occasionally occupied by the tribe from which they derived their name. When the first vessel came here with troops, in 1816, it had on board Col. Talbot Chambers,<sup>2</sup> Col. John Bowyer,<sup>3</sup> Indian agent, and others. They

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<sup>1</sup> Agent Boyd's letter-book is a mine of interesting historical material. The portion covering the Stambaugh expedition, in the Black Hawk war, had been prepared and very fully annotated, for this volume of *Collections*, but a press of other matter crowded it out. It will undoubtedly be given in vol. xii.—ED.

<sup>2</sup> Col. Talbot Chambers was appointed to the army from Pennsylvania; 1st lieutenant, 5th infantry, June 18, 1808; captain, Oct. 31, 1811; major assistant adjutant general, April 2, 1813; major, 4th rifles, Feb. 21, 1814; transferred to rifle regiment, May 17, 1815; lieutenant colonel, March 8, 1817; colonel, Nov. 10, 1818; transferred to 1st infantry, June 1, 1821; dismissed, April 28, 1826. For gallant conduct in the sortie from Fort Erie, was brevetted lieutenant colonel, Sept. 17, 1814. While commandant at Fort Crawford, he acquired the reputation of being a despot and made many enemies. See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, ii, pp. 128, 129; ix., p. 466.—ED.

<sup>3</sup> Col. John Bowyer was born in Virginia; appointed lieutenant of infantry, March 7, 1792; in 3d sub-legion, Dec., 1792; in 3d inf., Nov., 1796; captain