

christened the different islands with names, as "Washington,"<sup>1</sup> "Chambers," "Green," etc., and the bold bluff as Bowyer's bluff. These names have been retained, but my own impression is that the whole group of islands and the main land were occupied originally by the Pottawattamies. My personal knowledge of old-time signs is derived from a single visit made in passing by canoe from Green Bay to Mackinaw in 1828, in company with the late Governor Doty. We landed on Washington island, and found there evidences of Indian occupancy, whether as old as Marquette's time could not of course be determined one hundred and fifty years afterwards.<sup>2</sup> I think, however, that the tribe made their summer quarters further south, and that their visits to these islands were occasional only, as were those of the Ottawas at a later day even, to Beaver islands.

When I came here, sixty years ago, the whole region extending from the entrance to the bay as far south as Milwaukee, on the lake shore, was occupied by Pottawattamies and Ottawas. Their principal villages were at Manitowoc, Pigeon and Sheboygan rivers. There were none, I think, north of Kewaunee, and I doubt very much whether there were any except temporary lodges as far north as the islands.

From Father Hennepin's account, the Griffin,—or "Gryphon," as he calls it,—was loaded with peltries, but at what point gathered does not appear, and probably the vessel had entered the bay or coasted the lake further south. There is a harbor at Washington island, and, if landing was made anywhere in that vicinity, it was probably there, as none of the others, except the one immediately north of it, are of sufficient dimensions to warrant the belief of early occupation in considerable numbers.

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Jan., 1799; retained, April, 1802, in 2d inf.; major of 2d inf., Aug. 18, 1808; lieutenant-col., July 6, 1812; colonel of 5th inf., March 13, 1814; disbanded, June, 1815. He arrived at Green Bay as Indian agent, in 1815, and died in office, 1820.—ED.

<sup>1</sup>The Washington, 100 tons (Capt. Dobbins), the largest vessel then on the lakes, brought the officers to Green Bay.—ED.

<sup>2</sup>We landed, also, on one or two others near the northern main land.—  
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