

it as a part of the geography of the country. It was published in 1829 or 1830, and was the first real map of the country between Green Bay and Galena. I was much gratified, afterwards, to see that later official surveys of the Mississippi corresponded exactly with mine.

Lyon and I started down the Mississippi from Prairie du Chien on a very primitive sort of steamer; there were two vessels like Mackinaw boats, with a platform between and a shed built on that—it was, in fact, a steam catamaran. During the entire time court was in session at the Prairie, we staid at Galena, and then Judge Doty and Rowland came down and joined us there. After a few days, Lyon and I went on what was then a decidedly novel trip, an expedition through the mining region north of Galena. Our first objective point was Dodgeville, where Henry Dodge had started a “diggings.” We found his cabins surrounded by a formidable stockade, and the miners liberally supplied with ammunition. The Winnebagoes had threatened to oust the little colony, and were displaying an ugly disposition. Dodge entertained us at his cabin, the walls of which were well covered with guns. He said that he had a man for every gun and would not leave the country unless the Indians were stronger than he. At Platteville was John H. Rountree, who, with his men, lived in tents.¹ We did not see Rountree himself, at that time, but were much impressed with what was pointed out to us as his claim. There was a hole some twenty feet square and four or five deep, the bottom of which was a solid body of lead. There was a family at Blue Mounds living with Ebenezer Brigham; they were, with Brigham, the first settlers at the place.² Brigham was not at home, but the man with a family was, and entertained us in his cabin, which was used as a hotel when occasion re-

¹ *Hist. Grant Co.* (West. Hist. Co., 1881), pp. 675, 676; Rountree, accompanied by Maj. J. B. Campbell, William Ruby and John M. Williams, commenced mining operations in Platteville, November, 1827.—ED.

² *Hist. Dane Co.* (West Hist. Co., 1880), pp. 346-348; Brigham's house was on s. w. $\frac{1}{4}$, s. w. $\frac{1}{4}$, section 5, town of Blue Mounds, Dane county; his diggings were on section 7, and had been previously worked by Indians; he located at Blue Mounds, the spring of 1828.—ED.