

In the constitutional convention held in Madison in 1846, it was attempted by some pugnacious members, remembering the squabble of earlier years, to place a proviso in the constitution, to the effect that Wisconsin would enter the Union on condition that she was "restored to her ancient boundaries." But the effort failed, as did, for some inexplicable reason, the following amendment, offered by John Crawford of Milwaukee, seeking to practically adopt Captain Cram's suggestions relative to the river islands: "Be it further ordained, that to prevent all disputes in reference to the jurisdiction of islands in the said Brulé and Menominee rivers, the line may be so run as to include within the jurisdiction of Michigan, all the islands in the Brulé and Menominee rivers (to the extent in which said rivers are adopted as a boundary) down to and inclusive of Quinisec falls of the Menominee; and from thence the line may be so run as to include within the jurisdiction of Wisconsin, all the islands in the Menominee river, from the falls aforesaid, down to the junction of said river with Green bay."

Finally, the northeast boundary clause was adopted by the convention in the language of the enabling act. This constitution was rejected by the people, for various reasons unconnected with the boundary dispute, and a second convention was called, which met in the winter of 1847-48. In this convention John H. Rountree of Grant county endeavored to work in the "ancient boundary" proviso, but without success; and the description of the northeast boundary as given in the enabling act and in the rejected constitution was engrafted upon the new document. This constitution was ratified by the people, and Wisconsin entered the Union in 1848, with Preston's line separating her from the northern peninsula of Michigan.

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channel between Middle and South islands, in the Lake of the Desert; thence in a direct line to the southern shore of Lake Brulé; thence along said southern shore and down the river Brulé to the main channel of the Menominee river; thence down the center of the main channel of the same to the center of the most usual ship channel of the Green bay of Lake Michigan; thence through the center of the most usual ship channel of the said bay to the middle of Lake Michigan; thence," etc.