

The settlement there was begun by Count August Haraszthy, a fugitive from Hungary, who came to America about 1840. While crossing the ocean he read one of Captain Marryatt's novels, which describes a trip from Green Bay up the Fox river by way of Fort Winnebago, and down the Wisconsin river to Prairie du Chien. This, with a glowing description of the lead mines, rich country, and invigorating climate, given to him by some Englishmen on their way to Mineral Point, led him to choose Wisconsin.<sup>1</sup> He laid out the village of Sauk, called at first Haraszthy, and induced some Germans to join him. This was the germ of the later large German element which occupies the greater part of Sauk county.

By 1847 the greater part of the land within fifty or one hundred miles of Milwaukee had been settled, or was in the hands of speculators;<sup>2</sup> while some Germans from the Rhine provinces and Saxony had settled in the northeastern counties — Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Calumet, and Outagamie.<sup>3</sup>

At this period, Germans began to spread in part to the southwestern counties, about Mineral Point,<sup>4</sup> but chiefly northward to Sheboygan and Manitowoc counties, thence to Calumet and the region about Lake Winnebago, while many pressed into Outagamie and Green Lake counties, which are crossed by the upper and the lower Fox. In Green Lake county, the Fox river was then navigable as far as Princeton, and it formed the boundary line be-

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<sup>1</sup> William H. Canfield's *Outline Sketches of Sauk County* (Baraboo, 1861), sketch ii., p. 59.

<sup>2</sup> *Wie sieht es in Wisconsin Aus?* p. 18. Wettstein, pt. ii., p. 320.

<sup>3</sup> Dr. de Haas wrote in 1847 that all the government land within eight miles of Lake Winnebago had been taken. He found there a large Catholic settlement from the Rhine region.— *Winke für Auswanderer*, p. 71.

In Outagamie county, a body of Rhinelanders is said to have settled in 1842.— *In der Neuen Heimath*, p. 373.

In Manitowoc county, in 1858, the Rhinelanders and Westphalians formed the largest part of the German population.— *Richter*, p. 10.

<sup>4</sup> In 1848, Mr. Goldmann found six or eight German families near Mineral Point, and some Germans at work in the mines. According to Löhner, some towns in Grant county were largely German in 1847.