

Dousman was general agent for the American Fur Company, for Prairie du Chien, Portage, and Green Bay.¹ Very soon the company and many private individuals brought in claims against the estate, all of which were allowed, the result being that everything was swallowed up except the bare Bellefontaine farm, the stock from which was driven off to Green Bay, along with the other animals, and there sold to liquidate the debts.

Among the property which was swallowed up in this way were two sections of land which were granted by the treaty of 1832 to my sister and me, near Taycheedah,—part of the land being now included in the present corporation limits of Fond du Lac. We never saw this land. It was granted to us because of my father's relation to the Winnebago tribe, and his services to the government.²

In 1829, my father and his two children were granted a section apiece by the government, in town 8, range 8 east, near Madison.³ My father's section, with some neighboring

was occupying a small farm of Judge Lawe, under lease, and was then lately married to a Miss Lecuyer. He was an uneducated Frenchman, but quite thrifty and enterprising, and soon acquired a competence by his own unaided labor; and when he died, left a comfortable estate for his children. Pierre Paquette, who was killed at Portage, was a relative (perhaps a cousin) of Joseph, and his estate was administered by him and H. L. Dousman, who represented the creditors of deceased."—Ed.

¹ General Dousman became, in 1834, in company with Joseph Rolette, Sr., one of the copartners of the American Fur Company, with especial charge of the Prairie du Chien agency, which embraced the country north and west of that village, to the British boundary, except the headwaters of the Mississippi and St. Croix. See *Hist. Crawford Co.*, p. 300.—Ed.

² Article 10 of the treaty concluded September 15, 1832, between the United States and the Winnebagoes, at Rock Island, says: "At the special request of the Winnebago nation, the United States agree to grant, by patent, in fee simple, to the following named persons, all of whom are Winnebagoes by blood, lands as follows: To Pierre Paquette, three sections; to Pierre Paquette, Junior, one section; to Therese Paquette one section; and to Caroline Haney, one section. The lands to be designated under the direction of the president of the United States, within the country herein ceded by the Winnebago nation."—Ed.

³ Article 5 of the treaty concluded August 1, 1829, between the United States and the Winnebagoes, at Prairie du Chien, grants "to Pierre Pac-