

right of the government to so act, but Congress never passed on the claims of the settlers, and the lands being placed on the market were regularly sold. Many years after, the case came up in the United States supreme court, and the appellants—the heirs of Auguste Chouteau and John Mullamphy of St. Louis, who claimed to have bought a certain part of the tract, in 1804, of Dubuque—were defeated. In 1833 mining commenced upon an extended scale west of the river, the Spanish and the Indian titles now having been cleared.

In 1829, R. W. Chandler, of Galena, published in Cincinnati a map of the lead region on the east side of the Mississippi River, with the location of all the diggings, trails, and Indian villages of that time.<sup>1</sup> It is now exceedingly rare, and of great value to historians treating of Southern and Southwestern Wisconsin. A fac-simile of this interesting chart is given in *Wisconsin Historical Collections*, xi., p. 400.

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<sup>1</sup> *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, viii., p. 250, *note*.