

the conclusion to settle near that town, having found a suitable location; but as none of them could speak anything but French and the Walloon (a Latinized *patois*, said to be a relic of the Roman Empire), they were considerably annoyed at not being able to communicate with the people of Sheboygan. At this juncture they met a gentleman who could speak French, and he informed them that at Green Bay nearly a half of the people spoke that language; and besides that the land, the water, the timber, and the climate were as good as in Sheboygan or anywhere else in the State of Wisconsin. Hence they at once determined to proceed to Green Bay, where they arrived the latter part of August. Here they found many French-Canadian families, who could speak their language, and so they decided to locate permanently in the neighborhood of these folk.

Leaving their families in what is now the city of Green Bay, the men went out of town in search of a suitable location for a settlement. After several days prospecting they concluded to settle along the Fox river near Kaukauna, about twenty miles south of Green Bay; and were it not for an incident which occurred just at that time, the Belgian settlements would, in all probability, be to-day situated between Wrightstown and Appleton. But it happened otherwise. The death of a child in the family of Philip Hannon caused a delay of a few days, and was the means of determining the locality of settlement of the 20,000 Belgians who are now in the counties of Brown, Kewaunee, and Door. The funeral of the child above mentioned occurred at St. John's Catholic church, in Green Bay. Father Daems, of the Bay Settlement, happened to be visiting the pastor of St. Johns. Father Daems, himself a Belgian, was glad to meet some of his countrymen, and the little band were happy to make his acquaintance. They told Father Daems where they had concluded to settle, but he persuaded them to abandon their first-selected location, forfeit the payments on the entries of land they had made near Kaukauna, and settle on sections 1, 2, and 3, township 24 north, range 22 east; also sections 34, 35, and