

POPULATION OF BROWN COUNTY, JUNE, 1830.

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As will be seen upon reference to the article, "The Boundaries of Wisconsin," in Volume XI. of these *Collections*, the country now comprised within the State of Wisconsin was, from May 7, 1800, a part of Indiana Territory; it then became a part of Illinois Territory; when Illinois became a State, under act approved April 18, 1818, and was cut down to her present limits, the trans-Lake Michigan country was assigned "for temporary purposes only" to Michigan Territory. October 26, 1818, Lewis Cass, governor of the Territory, issued a proclamation dividing that part of the trans-lacine district which extended from the Illinois boundary ($42^{\circ} 30'$) northward to Michillimackinac County, into two counties, to be separated by the meridian running "through the middle of the portage between Fox river and the Ouissin¹ river:" the portion lying east of that meridian being Brown County, with its seat of justice "within six miles of the mouth of Fox river," and that lying to the west Crawford County, with Prairie du Chien as its seat of justice. These two counties remained thus bounded until September 6, 1834, when the legislature of Michigan Territory passed an act setting off Milwaukee County from the southern part of Brown, and Iowa County from the southern part of Crawford. Thus divided, Wisconsin Territory came into being under Act of Congress approved April 20, 1836. See county map, *ante*, p. 249.

We have already given (*ante*, pp. 247-270) the details of the first census of Wisconsin Territory, taken in July,

¹ A misprint for Ouisconsin, or Wisconsin.