

REMINISCENCES OF LIFE IN TERRITORIAL WISCONSIN.

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Upon August 12, 1824, I was married at our home on Mackinac Island to Henry S. Baird,² and the following month we left for Green Bay, upon the schooner "Jackson," Capt. John Burnham. She was eight days coming the two hundred miles.

As the vessel entered Fox River, Fort Howard did not present so much the appearance of a fortress as did my beloved Fort Mackinac, for it stood on low ground. It looked

¹ Mrs. Elizabeth Thérèse (Fisher) Baird was born at Prairie du Chien, Wis., April 24, 1810. Her youth was spent upon Mackinac Island, where, in 1824, when but fourteen years of age, she married Henry S. Baird, a young lawyer, and at once accompanied her husband to their new home in Green Bay. Mrs. Baird remained a resident of Green Bay until her death, November 5, 1890. A brief biographical sketch of this remarkable pioneer woman will be found in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xiv, pp. 17, 18, and a portrait facing p. 17 of that volume. In the *Green Bay State Gazette*, between December 4, 1886, and November 19, 1887, Mrs. Baird published her reminiscences in a series of articles. In *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xiv, pp. 17-64, we reproduced, in condensed form, and with annotations, such part of these reminiscences as related to her life upon Mackinac Island and the particulars of her return trip thereto in 1825; herewith, we present the remainder of this very interesting series, condensed at a few points, and otherwise edited in accordance with an agreement between Mrs. Baird and the Editor, the former contributing some information which did not appear in the articles as originally published in the *State Gazette*. See Mrs. Baird's "Indian Customs and Early Recollections," in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, ix, pp. 303-326.—Ed.

² Baird was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1800, but came with his family to Pennsylvania in 1805. He studied law at Pittsburg and Cleveland, and