

proved great additions to Green Bay society. As has already been indicated, he was the most energetic business man here. He brought to this locality carpenters, blacksmiths, masons, painters, farmers, etc. All these he had in his employ, so varied were his interests.

The house now occupied by Madame Whitney on Main street, Mr. Whitney built as a farm house.<sup>1</sup> It was in the woods, and from the river side we could see the smoke curling through the trees. It was a double house, and Antoine Allard, a married farmer, was placed in one half of it. The Allards boarded some of the mechanics who had no families. On East River (then called Devil or Manitou), just north of D. W. Britton's landing, Whitney had a potash house, in charge of which he placed a man by the name of Clafland.

From his earliest acquaintance with the locality of Green Bay and its surroundings, Whitney entertained the most unbounded confidence in its capabilities to become the most important commercial town in the State. Acting in accordance with this faith, he, as early as possible, secured the land where the city now stands, and in 1828 or 1829 he laid out the town of Navarino, since incorporated as Green Bay, and began the building of a city.<sup>2</sup> In 1830 he had completed a wharf and a spacious warehouse. Where the Beaumont House now stands, he erected the Washington House. This he occupied as a private residence for a few years. He also built a school house, and several dwelling houses for his mechanics and laborers. From 1830 to 1840 he continued to build stores and dwelling houses. In 1831 he moved his store to Navarino. It was located on the southeast corner of Washington and Main streets. Later, he with his family took possession of the house on Main street, where he died and where the family have ever since resided.

At this time houses were very scarce, and Mr. Perry rented one-half of the farm house, where he remained for

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<sup>1</sup> Mrs. Whitney died in 1890; the old house was demolished in 1898.—Ed.

<sup>2</sup> *Historic Green Bay*, p. 237, says 1830.—Ed.