

and a lawyer at the same time, bought a lot in the new town, and built a house there. In due time we moved to Navarino, leaving our farm in Charles Mette's care, we having great faith in him.

The land office, the only one this side of Detroit, was established here in 1835; and the first government land sale that took place brought many moneyed men to Green Bay. Many came from Milwaukee, some from Chicago, and more from Detroit. They were the leading business men of those places, and some of them are yet living; but many have gone to a better land. The excitement of that time I cannot describe. It would need the pen of one of those land speculators to give a true description of it. William B. Ogden, who in after years was called the "railroad king," was the most prominent man among the speculators. He bought largely of land at government prices, and would sell the same property at auction, in the evening. The purchases were very largely made for speculation.

At this time, Fort Howard was more completely separated from civilized life than is any military fort of the present day. It was garrisoned by the Fifth infantry, the officers of which, with scarcely an exception, were gentlemen of cultivation and of the highest honor; and their wives were equally ladies of culture and refinement. The feeling of isolation must have been great to many, and they were glad enough to engage in the excitement of our town to break the monotony of their quiet life. Many of the officers made quite snug fortunes—Captain Marcy, Captain Clary, all except Capt. Martin Scott, "the great shot," who did not believe in speculation. He bought cautiously and made some money, however. He used jestingly to say that he and Mr. Baird became rich honestly.<sup>1</sup>

The corner stone of Christ church was laid by Bishop Kemper in 1838, and the church was completed in 1839, just ten years after the parish was first organized. This was neither a large nor a rich parish, but it was a "garrison

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<sup>1</sup>For details relative to Fort Howard, consult Evans's "The Military History of Green Bay," *Wis. Hist. Soc. Proc.*, 1899, pp. 128-146.—Ed.