

My Vacation Days

Regency House



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Old Indian Agency House
Portage, Wisconsin
BUILT IN 1832

Restored by The Colonial Dames of Wisconsin



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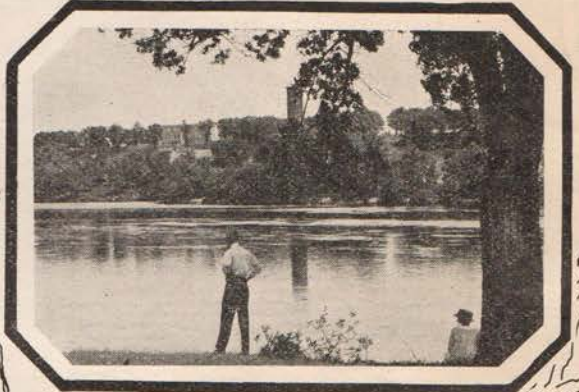
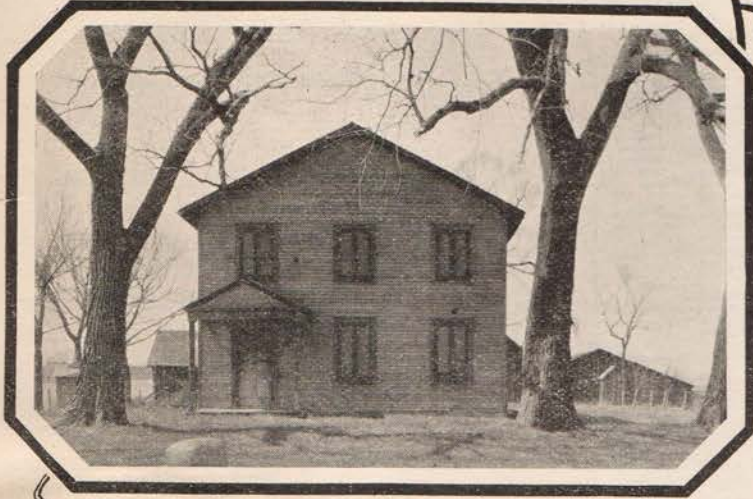


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ASHLAND

The old "Agency House" occupied by the Indian agent John Kinzie and his bride, the famous authoress is still standing and the old wrought iron hinges and locks are still on the doors and windows. There is a movement on now to purchase and preserve this historical old building and grounds, make the building into a museum and the grounds into a state park.

Below a view of St. Savior's General Hospital from across the Wisconsin River.



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August 31, 1933

Dear Mrs. Holbrook.

I want to thank you for getting me the poster and the little circular of the Indian Agency House.

Tho I received these a half month ago, I feel it is better late than never to acknowledge the favor you did me and to thank you for it.

I shall try to get to see the Agency House in September or October. I have been interested in it ever since the day I was out there sketching it and have kept in touch with its developments thru the newspapers.

Thanks you again.

your truly,

Max Gunkel, Jr.

Colonial Dames Will Purchase Agency House

Historic Site Near Portage Is to Be Restored and Preserved; 'Wau-bun,' Romance by Its First Mistress, Is Recalled by Project

A HISTORIC and romantic spot in Wisconsin—the "Old Indian Agency House" at Portage, as it is familiarly known—is to be preserved. At a recent meeting of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Wisconsin, it was unanimously voted to purchase and restore the house whose site on a mound overlooking the headwaters of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers, and near the spot where old Fort Winnebago stood, is one of the most picturesque in the state.

The matter of preserving for posterity this spot rich in state lore first interested the Wisconsin Federation of Women's Clubs. A local committee headed by H. E. Andrews of Portage had already been sought, and initial gifts had been received from enthusiastic friends. But with the prospect of the \$2,000,000 general federation endowment fund becoming urgent, the venture in historic preservation for the state federation was interrupted. The Portage committee was about to formulate plans for its purchase when its leader died, and the Colonial Dames finding the project so much in line with its objects, took immediate steps to purchase, restore and maintain the house. The tentative plan calls for turning over the property to the Wisconsin Historical library for supervision.

Good Workmanship

The plan for taking over the house was discussed at a meeting Oct. 10 by Mrs. Hobart S. Johnson of Madison at the Indian Creek farm home of Mrs. Irving Seaman. Mrs. Johnson declared that her enthusiasm for the project was due to the appeal made by Dr. Joseph Schafer and Miss Louise P. Kellogg of the State Historical society, and to her visit to the agency house in the company of Frank Reilly, Madison architect. Built in the wilderness in 1830 the house was a surprisingly good example of the pre-Greek revival style, he said, the fine doors, beautiful moldings, generous staircase and triple paned windows, etc., attesting to the taste of the early builders.

Much glamour and romance is associated with the historic home. Readers of "Wau-bun," a record of the early days of the northwest by Mrs. John H. Kinzie (Juliette Kinzie), about to be republished, are familiar with its history and charm.

Capt. John Kinzie of the United States Indian agency came to Wisconsin with his wife, Juliette, a native of Connecticut, from Detroit in 1830. Here in the heart of the wilderness he built the agency house, after having first lived at Fort Winnebago and later in a log cabin built in the first days of their residence. In swift moving canoes the Indians brought their furs down the rivers, and at the agency house, about a mile from Portage, meeting the traders and voyageurs who came to buy them.

Price About \$7,000

The property consists of about 165 acres, has about 20 acres of woodland, 20 of pasturage and some marshland. The canal with the government locks is nearby. The Colonial Dames have estimated that purchase and restoration will necessitate about \$7,000. It will be raised through state-wide gifts.

The original gifts committee is still in existence and will turn over the funds collected to the society. Mrs. C. E. Buell, Madison, a former president of the Wisconsin Federation of Women's Clubs, was a member of

this committee, as were Mrs. H. J. Puffer and T. H. Cochrane of Portage, Maj. Howard Green and Fred Best of Milwaukee, Miss Amelia Stevens of Madison and Stanley Hanks. The property is now known as the Baker farm.

The purchasing committee will be announced shortly by Mrs. Arthur T. Holbrook, president of the Wisconsin society. Mrs. James P. Brown will be the project treasurer.

Besides Mrs. Holbrook, president, officers of the society are: First vice president, Mrs. George L. Graves; second vice president, Mrs. George Manierre; recording secretary, Mrs. Loyal Durand; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Alfred P. Wettstein; treasurer, Miss May Houghton; registrar, Mrs. Henry M. Ogden; historian, Mrs. William H. Mayhew.

Mrs. Charles R. Lindsay Jr., Grove Farm, Wayne, Ill., writes: "It occurred to me that you might be interested to know that a descendant of John Kinzie, pioneer, mentioned in one of your letters, was Juliette Low, founder of the Girl Scouts of America. I am sending you a copy of 'Juliette Low,' telling of her life."

[Thanks for compliment and book.]





The National Society of Colonial Dames in the State of Wisconsin has undertaken to purchase, restore, and maintain as an historic landmark the

Old Indian Agency House at Portage, Wisconsin

To the Wisconsin Federation of Women's Clubs, the Old Indian Agency House Association, the Ways and Means Committee of Portage, Mrs. Charles E. Buell and Mrs. Herbert J. Puffer, are due the credit and honor of first sponsoring this project.

This house was built in 1831 by the Government for the use of U. S. Indian Agent, Capt. John H. Kinzie and his charming wife, Juliette Magill, who came from Connecticut.

The house stands on a hill opposite the site of the old frontier Fort Winnebago, facing the famous old portage which connected the Fox and Wisconsin rivers.

Joliet and Marquette crossed this portage in 1673.

Jefferson Davis, William S. Hamilton, the son of Alexander Hamilton, Zachary Taylor, and other prominent men were frequent visitors at this home.

While living here, Mrs. Kinzie obtained material for her delightful book, "WAU-BUN," which in Ojibway means "The Early Day." This book was published first in 1856. Five subsequent editions are out of print. A new edition, edited by Dr. Louise P. Kellogg, is now on sale. (George Banta Publishing Co., Menasha, Wis.)

The house, aside from historic interest, is worth preserving architecturally, with its well-proportioned rooms, old time windows of twenty-four panes of glass, interesting staircase and moldings. Having been unoccupied for years, repairs must be made this winter or it will be too late!

When restored and refurnished according to the period of one hundred years ago, it will be an historic landmark in which the citizens of the state may well take pride.

Surely this project must appeal to all loyal Wisconsin citizens. Without their help these plans cannot be completed.

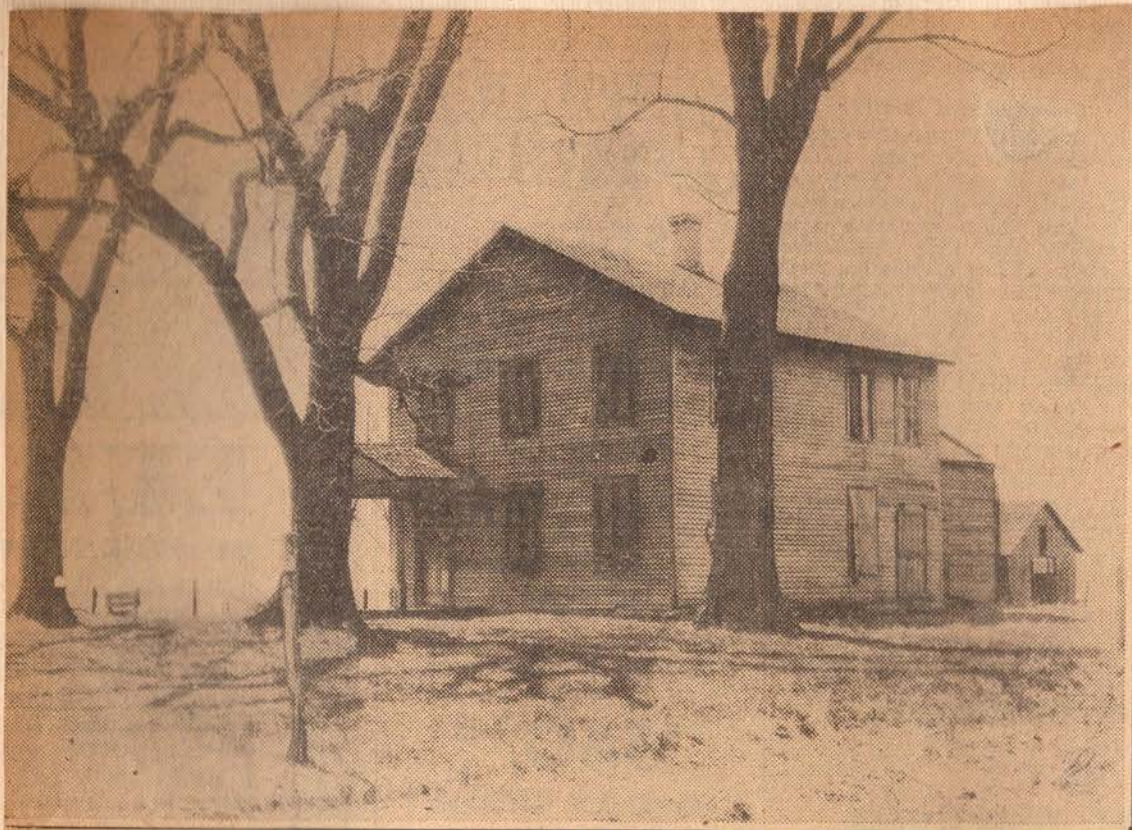
The names of all those who contribute towards preserving this home will be placed in a book kept at the Old Indian Agency House. Those who wish to, may fill in the facts concerning their ancestors, as suggested below. By so doing you will add a valuable contribution to the historical records of the state.

Contributions to this fund may be as a fitting memorial to the early settler in Wisconsin of your family.

MISS ALICE G. CHAPMAN,
Chairman of Finance Committee
MRS. HOBART S. JOHNSON, Madison
Chairman of Restoration Committee
MRS. ARTHUR T. HOLBROOK,
President of Colonial Dames in Wisconsin

The National Society of Colonial Dames in the State of Wisconsin
for the Old Indian Agency House Project.

Please make checks payable to Nora L. Brown, Treas., (Mrs. James P. Brown), 1019 East Ogden Ave., Milwaukee



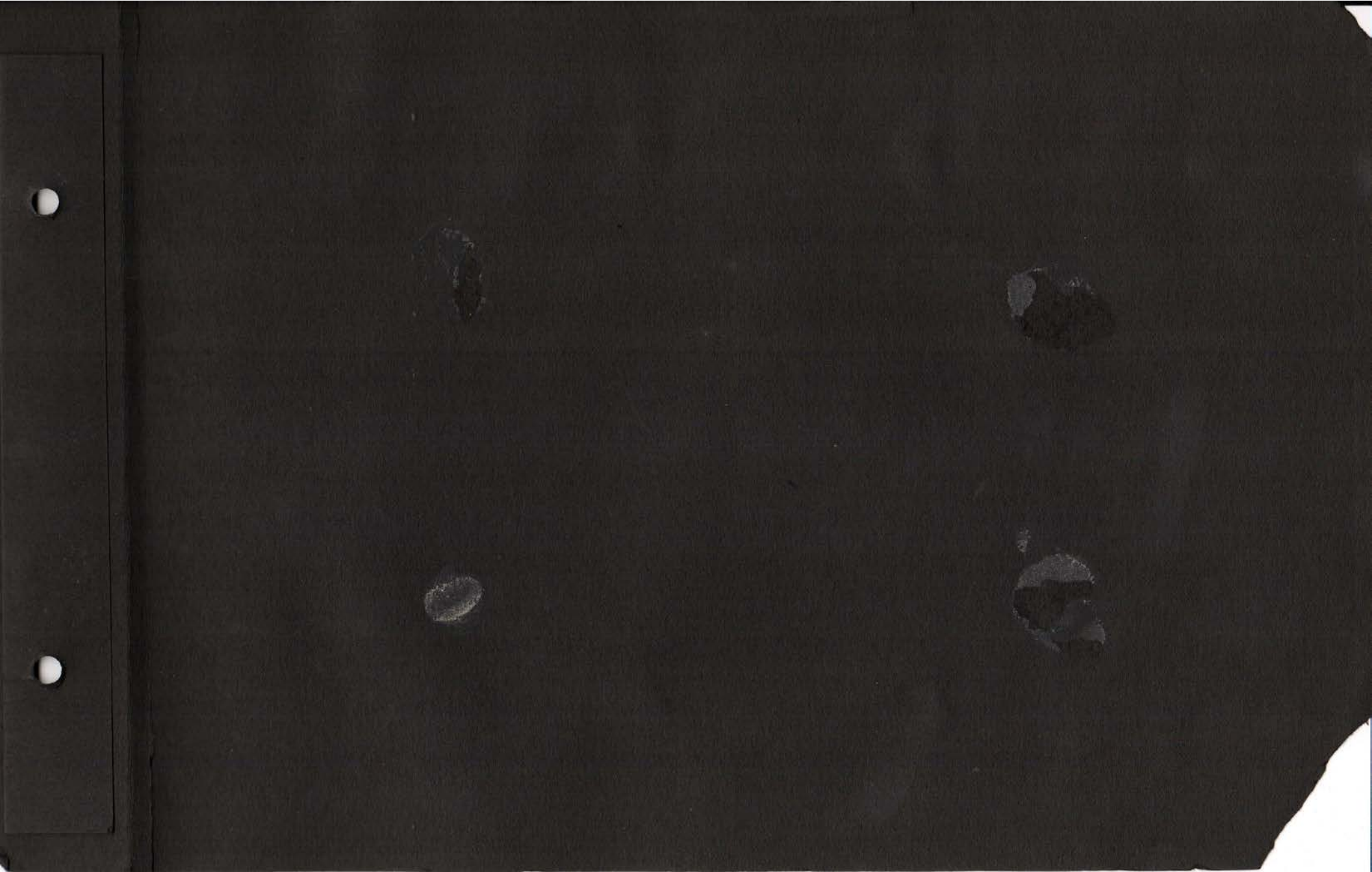
The Old Agency House at Portage

Exactly a century ago this old house, known as the Agency House, was built at Portage. It is to be repaired by the Colonial Dames of Wisconsin, by whom it was bought last year, and will be preserved for the public, with the same old fireplace and some of the original furnishings.

The house was the home of Juliette Kinzie, wife of the Indian agent at Fort Winnebago, John Kinzie. Juliette Kinzie was the author of the book, "Waubun," a fine story of the life of the Indians in the early days of Wisconsin. That book also contains a story of the Fort Dearborn massacre, which has been accepted as the most authentic of any that has been written. Mrs.

Kinzie's husband was the son of John Kinzie, sr., who was the Indian agent at Fort Dearborn at the time of the massacre. At the time this house was built Jefferson Davis was a lieutenant at Fort Winnebago. Many of the original hinges and locks are on the doors and windows with the hammer marks where they were hammered out by hand.

A few hundred yards from this old home is the marker showing where Joliet and Marquette left the Fox river and portaged a mile and a quarter and entered the Wisconsin river. On the hill just above is a granite monument marking the spot where Red Bird, Winnebago Indian chieftain, surrendered in 1827.







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INDIAN AGENCY HOUSE
PORTAGE.

—Sketched for The Journal by Max Fernekes, Jr.

The Old Indian Agency House

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1931

The old Fort Winnebago Indian Agency House near Portage, which is being restored by the Wisconsin Colonial Dames of America, will be the scene of the annual Flag day ceremony of the society Saturday. Juliette Kinzie, wife of John Kinzie, government Indian agent at the house about 100 years ago, told the story of Wisconsin pioneer days in her book, "Wau-Bun," which was reprinted and sold by the society to

aid in the restoration of the house. The formal opening of the Agency House will be held June 14, 1932, the one hundredth anniversary of its erection. The society is planning to furnish the home as it was in the days when Juliette Kinzie was its mistress. Miss Elcie Hotchkiss will be hostess at the house this summer. She will serve "Wau-Bun" refreshments, similar to those which Mrs. Kinzie served 100 years ago.

COLONIAL DAMES VOTE TO RESTORE HISTORIC HOUSE

Indian Agency Building at Portage to Be Bought.

BY MABEL MAYHEW.

[Chicago Tribune Press Service.]

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 18.—[Special.]—The National Society of Colonial Dames in Wisconsin has voted to purchase, restore and maintain one of Wisconsin's historic buildings, the Indian Agency house between the Fox and Wisconsin rivers at Portage. The president, Mrs. Arthur T. Holbrook, opened a recent meeting with the question "are you historically minded, and are you interested in preserving for your state one of the most interesting relics of the pioneer days of Wisconsin?"

Hitherto the Colonial Dames have been asked only to contribute to national rather than state landmarks.

The opportunity of purchasing the old Indian Agency house, built a hundred years ago, was presented by Mrs. Hobart S. Johnson of Madison whose interest had been aroused by Dr. Joseph Schafer and Miss Louise P. Kellog of the Wisconsin Historical library.

Near Site of Fort.

The house is now known as the "old Baker farm," and looks much like one of the early New England farm houses, greatly in need of repairs. It is on an interesting site near the spot on which the old Fort Winnebago stood, overlooking in one direction the head waters of the Fox river and in the other the Wisconsin river with the Portage between. Reminiscent of the old days when the Indians brought their pelts down the river and the fur traders and voyageurs, up to meet them.

It was the hope of the state historical society that this house should not fall into disrepair and final obliteration, and a warm pleader was found in Mrs. Johnson. After her address the Colonial Dames voted without a dissenting voice to go on with the work which had reached a stage of discouragement in the local ways and means committee at Portage. The early activity on behalf of the agency house in the Wisconsin Federation of Women's clubs had lapsed due to the pressure of its million dollar campaign fund.

\$7,500 Is Needed.

The project now passes to the Colonial Dames, who will receive the gifts already made, amounting to about \$2,000, and go on with the work. A total of \$7,500 will be needed in the financing for purchase and restoration, to be obtained through state-wide contributions.

Among the members of the first ways and means committee and original contributors to the fund were Mrs. J. H. Puffer and Mr. T. H. Cochran of Portage; Mrs. Hobart Johnson, Mr. Stanley Hanks and Miss Amelia Stevens of Madison, and Mr. Howard Greene and Mr. Frederick Best of Milwaukee.

The house has interesting clapping and the eaves which belong to the early colonial period. The interior is most interesting with fine doors, beautiful moldings, fireplaces, and a generous staircase, unusual for a house built in the wilderness as early as 1830. It attests the skill of the early builders and shows the taste and refinement of its occupants. The boulder basement and the kitchen with a tiny staircase to a bedroom are charming in character.

Committees on the purchase will be announced shortly by Mrs. Holbrook. Mrs. James P. Brown will be custodian of funds, and Charles M. Morris will be counsel.

Benefit of Old Agency House Ft. Winnebago



LOCAL WAYS AND MEANS
COMMITTEE



BY THE REV. JOHN F. FEDDERS

[Lake Park Lutheran Church]

So much good material has been and is being printed, and I must read so much to keep abreast of my work that I find a reading schedule is absolutely necessary if I am to make any progress at all. For several years I have been following my schedule consistently and it has worked out well in my case.

My schedule calls for an article a day, a book a week, a magazine a month and a course of reading a year. This gives me a good balance between the modern and the standard literary works.

I figure that an article a day should keep me informed on the day's leading problems; a book a week keeps me in touch with the ideas of the best contemporary minds and ideas, religious, historical or literary. (Right now I am reading "Wau-Bun," by Mrs. John H. Kinzie, a really splendid work on Wisconsin and northwest territory). Each month I peruse thoroughly one leading magazine, so that I may be acquainted with most of the outstanding representative periodicals. And my course of reading brings to me the old masters.

My course this year is The Harvard Classics, and I am engrossed now in the ancient Greek dramas of Aeschylus, Aristophanes, Sophocles and Euripides. There is variety for you, from Sophocles' "Oedipus Rex" to Rabbi Silver's "Religion in a Changing World." Different, of course, but all fine, all valuable.





MRS. FUFFER of Porlage - later MRS. Bronson.



Mmes. Morris, Wetstein, James Brown, Holbrook.

Indian Agency House at Portage Described

THOSE of the present day who have a fine feeling for history and the people who made it also experience a deep appreciation of the work being done by the Wisconsin Society of Colonial Dames in restoring the old Indian agency house near Portage, Wis.

Built by the government in 1831 for its agent, Capt. John Kinsey, the house stands between the Wisconsin and the Fox rivers, the only point of dry land on the great early highway from the St. Lawrence river to the Gulf of Mexico.

The Colonial Dames this winter under the leadership of Mrs. Arthur T. Holbrook, have realized the value of the agency house and the good fortune of Wisconsin to possess so historic a spot. With the co-operation of people from all over the state, they have bought and restored it to its original state.

Hand Hewn Timber

Situated on a green hillside overlooking the canal connecting the Fox and Wisconsin rivers, it has a beautiful vista of countryside spread before it. Three large old oaks shelter the house, which is white frame with green blinds. The work of restoring it to its lovely original state under

the direction of the architect, Mr. Frank W. Riley of Madison, is almost completed. Visitors with a love for early buildings have a treat in store for them, wandering about this charming hand built house.

The entire house is built of hand hewn timber. The inside walls are built of split boards, as it was before laths were heard of. The boards were split fine with an ax and then fitted together along the wall like a patchwork puzzle. Brick that was ordered from Washington 100 years ago and brought laboriously out to Wisconsin by ox teams, is used in the four fireplaces and the chimney. The floors are braced with huge hand hewn beams from underneath.

The old stair railing also is made from split wood, and is especially attractive with its oblong spindles. The lovely old mantel pieces made of oak were found in the basement of the house and are being put back over the fireplaces. The windows are unusual in that they have 24 panes of glass, and the blinds are of an old French type with narrow shutters.

Seek Original State

The proportions of the 10 rooms are charming, and back of the house

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is a large kitchen, with a kitchen loft above. An old Dutch bake oven such as was used at the time has been found and will be installed.

The Colonial Dames are making every effort to restore the agency

house to its exact original state. Even old locks are being replaced in the doors. Some shreds of lovely old wallpaper in shades of blue were found in one room and the society is taking steps to have this old paper copied so that even the walls will look as they did in 1831.

When work on the house is completed, the Colonial Dames will seek to furnish it with furniture 100 years old, such as would have been used in the house when it was built. Many persons interested in helping with the project are donating lovely old pieces of furniture. An old cradle and a chair have already been given, and Mrs. Charles M. Morris has donated a valuable love seat. Mrs. Charles D. Mann has given a flag-pole and the society hopes to raise the flag on flag day. Mrs. Frank H. Lindsay is keeping what the society calls a "Doomsday Book of Wisconsin Pioneers." This is a record of the gifts contributed in memory of some pioneer, and the book will be kept at the house.

The cool days of this past week have been especially fine for long motor trips, and a great many people have been making their destination the Old Indian Agency house at Portage. Among those who dropped in at the hostess house for luncheon within the past few days, and spent the afternoon inspecting the historic old Kinzie home and the grounds, were Mrs. J. W. Beswick Purchas, Miss Bessie Greene, Mrs. John Johnston, Mrs. Arthur T. Holbrook, Mrs. James H. Hughes with Misses Mary and Amy Hughes of Wilmington, Del.; Mrs. Carl H. Davis and her daughter, Mary; the Hugh Randalls and Stuart Randall; Mrs. Arthur Wager and Miss Ethel Wager; Miss Janet Lee of South Bend, Ind.; Mrs. Jessie J. McClymont and James J. McClymont; the Merrill E. Tafts; the Hampton B. Leedom and James B. Leedom II; Mrs. Arthur J. Pellette, Miss Fannie Jenkins, Mrs. Louis T. Hill of Sparta, with Misses Marjorie and Mary Agnes Hill, and the Fred Crosbys.

Built Near Portage 100 Years Ago

Colonial Dames Plan to Save Historic Structure.

MOTORISTS driving from Milwaukee to Portage usually are too intent on watching the car ahead to look to the right or to the left. But, a mile from Portage, some travelers do look aside, and they remark: "Can this be Wisconsin? Look at that old house with the ragged shingles! Doesn't it seem to belong to an old New England landscape?"

And it is an early American house, commanding a hilltop and surveying what seems to be a tumble down farm. It is a venerable, dowdy house, needing a little attention at the eaves and swaying a little at the ridge pole.

Indian Agency House

The motorist passes on with little or no attention. But persons interested in the history of Wisconsin point it out as one of the half dozen surviving structures in which chapters of the story of early Wisconsin are written. The weather beaten structure near Portage is an old Indian agency house, and it was built just a hundred years ago.

Indians of central Wisconsin used to know it well. They trudged to it to converse solemnly with the Indian agent of the federal government, and in councils there they insisted that the white man live up to the obligations of his treaties.

Today the old building and the land adjoining are known as the Baker farm. But if plans made by the National Society of the Colonial Dames in the state of Wisconsin are carried out, the old building and the grounds surrounding it will become a preserve at which records of pioneer Wisconsin are maintained for the reverent regard of future generations.

The plan is to buy the old farm and its storied homestead. The building is to be repaired and restored. It is not a stupendous project. It is estimated that \$7,500 is all that is needed, and some of this fund is already collected.

The project several years ago was contemplated by the Wisconsin Federation of Women's clubs. But the federation, facing pressing financial problems, has decided to turn the project over to the Colonial Dames. At a meeting held Oct. 10 at the Indian Creek farm home of Mrs. Irving Seaman, the Dames voted unanimously to carry out the Indian agency restoration, the project being in line with the objects of the society. It is proposed that ultimately the property will be turned over to the Wisconsin Historical library, with the Colonial Dames continuing to lend financial support.

The suggestion that the Colonial Dames take over the project was advanced by Mrs. Hobart S. Johnson, Madison. Mrs. Johnson said she became interested in the tumble down farm after its historical importance was impressed on her by Dr. Joseph Schafer and Miss Louise P. Kellogg of the State Historical society.

Mrs. Johnson visited the old building with Frank Reilly, Madison architect, who was impressed with the sturdiness and the artistic merit of the wooden building which has withstood a hundred years of Wisconsin weather. The Colonial Dames have decided that it is worth saving, and means of raising money for its purchase are being worked out.

The first occupant of the old agency house was Capt. John Kinzie. Just 100 years ago he was appointed an Indian agent. He was stationed in Detroit when the commission came. In the Detroit post with him was his young wife, Juliette. They hailed originally from Middleton, Conn. Capt. Kinzie took her as a bride to the Michigan fort, which easterners then considered a distant and formidable western outpost. When the young woman and her military husband determined to come even farther west, her relatives, it may well be believed, tried to dissuade her from venturing into "domains of red savages—probably cannibals."

Started Agency House

The solicitous relatives of Mrs. Kinzie were unnecessarily concerned. Mrs. Kinzie wasn't eaten. In fact, her association with Wisconsin Indians was unexpectedly pleasant, historians say. The captain and his wife, after coming to Portage by wagon and boat, lived for a time at Fort Winnebago. Construction of the agency house was started almost immediately. Many journeys from the fort were made by the captain and his wife to supervise the workmen. They planned and directed the construction of the wide staircase, the fireplace, the installation of the triple paned windows and the broad clapboarding which are features of the structure.

Then the frequent journeys from the fort became too arduous, so the captain had a small log cabin erected near the more pretentious building. In this cabin, which later became a part of the completed agency house, they lived for some time.

For many years the white man's relations with the Indians were

regulated by Capt. Kinzie and his successors in the old Portage agency house. To it came the white traders, and to it came the Indians with their packs of furs. There also was an outpost at which the federal government negotiated with Indians of central Wisconsin.

Once Very Imposing

It's a gray, weather beaten house now, attracting the interest of only a few casual motorists. But a century ago it was an imposing structure, an expression of the white man's prestige, meant to impress the red savage. Readers of the Wau-bun, a record of the early days in the northwest which was prepared and published by Mrs. Kinzie in 1856, are told that many celebrated men visited at the agency house. Among them were William Stephen Hamilton, son of Alexander Hamilton, the first secretary of the United States treasury, and Jefferson Davis, president of the confederacy. The record is to be republished.

Committees to arrange purchase of the agency house will be appointed soon by Mrs. Arthur T. Holbrook, president of the Wisconsin Society of Colonial Dames. Mrs. James P. Brown will be custodian of funds.

Among those who already have made gifts are Mrs. H. J. Puffer, Portage; T. H. Cochrane, Portage; Stanley Hanks, Madison, and Miss Amelia Stevens, Madison.





Colonial Dames Compile Book of Remembrance

INTERESTING facts about Wisconsin's pioneers are being brought to light by the Colonial Dames of this state in their preservation of the Indian agency house at Portage, one of the oldest buildings of the old Northwest Territory. This organization, headed by many prominent Milwaukee women, is making up a book called by them "The Book of Remembrance," in which are recorded the many donors who have helped make the project of the agency house possible, and the ancestor in whose memory each gift was made. In years to come this book, now being compiled by Mrs. Frank H. Lindsay, will prove invaluable in its record of the first Wisconsin settlers, all of whom came here long before Wisconsin was created a state, and who were the founders of many of its leading families today.

In looking over the pages of the "Book of Remembrance," one finds interesting facts of pioneer life and many people familiar to the present generation because of the parks, streets and industries still bearing their names. When one realizes that Wisconsin was merely a territory until 1848, populated mostly by Indians and still in the terrors of Indian warfare, one can appreciate the courage of the many white persons from the east who came west with their families. The earliest recorded date in the Colonial Dames' book is 1818, when Col. William Whistler, the ancestor of Mrs. Frank G. Turner and Mrs. Albert K. Stebbins, came to Fort Howard, or what is now known

as Green Bay. Col. Whistler in the name of the United States accepted the surrender of Red Bird, chief of the Winnebago Indians, and ended the rebellions of that tribe.

Wells Came Early

One of the first men to come to Milwaukee was Daniel Wells, jr., the ancestor of Mrs. Charles H. Norris, who boarded for a time with the brother of Solomon Juneau in 1835 and in whose memory Mrs. Norris' gift was made. It was no easy task to get deeds for land at that time. The grandfather of Mrs. Frank H. Lindsay, William Brown, who came to Beaver Dam in 1843, had to get his land by going on horseback to Fort Howard, from where the deed was sent to Washington and signed by President Polk.

The granting of statehood to Wisconsin involved many men whose descendants are living here today. Levi Grant, who came here in 1832 and was the ancestor of Mrs. Joseph V. Quarles, was a member of the committee of the legislature and wrote personally to Washington, D. C., requesting that Wisconsin be made a state. Another member of the committee was George W. Lakin, ancestor of Miss Mildred Lakin.

Many men who should go down in pioneer history for professional serv-

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and hat made of orchid lace. The bridesmaids were gowned in frocks of delicate green chiffon and wore green turbans. The bouquets of all the attendants were designed to harmonize with their gowns. The flower girl wore a frock of pale maize chiffon.

After a wedding journey through the east the Rev. and Mrs. Rupp will make their home in Manistique, where Rev. Rupp will be the pastor of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church.

Pioneers in Record Book

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ices in the first half of the nineteenth century are called to memory in the Colonial Dames' book. Dr. Erastus Wolcott, who was appointed assistant surgeon of the United States army at Fort Mackinac in 1836, was the ancestor of Mrs. Carol Allis and Dr. John L. Yates. He was beloved by the entire community and his statue now stands in Lake park. Dr. L. B. Bradley, whose descendant is Mrs. William J. Perrigo of Beloit, came to

Wisconsin in 1844 and practised dentistry, traveling miles through the country on horseback. The great-grandfather of George B. Miller and of Miss Isabelle Miller was Andrew Galbraith Miller, the first federal judge in Wisconsin. Mrs. Loyal Durand's grandfather, Jackson Kemper, in 1844 was the first missionary, bishop of the Episcopal church to the northwest and was instrumental in founding Nashotah mission on upper Nashotah lake.

Cream City Name Given

One of Milwaukee's names, well known throughout the country, "the Cream City," was due to Jonathan L. Burnham, ancestor of Mrs. Carroll M. Towne. In 1843 he began to manufacture the cream colored brick of which most of the first buildings here were built.

Large tracts of real estate were held by forebears of many Milwaukeeans and their names still continue. Byron Kilbourn, in whose memory Mrs. Wolcott E. Newberry made her gift to the Agency house, purchased in 1935 with Solomon Juneau most of the land east and west of the Milwaukee river. For many years the west side of Milwaukee was called Kilbourn town. The grandparents of Mrs. George B. Miller, Mr.

and Mrs. N. B. Caswell, owned a large section of land here, and the Caswell block still continues the name. Richardson Houghton, jr., the grandfather of Miss May Houghton, in 1844 bought a farm which later became Lapham park.

St. Paul's church, founded in 1836, was the work of several forebears of prominent Milwaukeans. Cyrus Hawley, the grandfather of Mrs. Francis Bloodgood, jr., was one of the committee of founders. Hoel Hinman Camp, whose descendant is Mrs. J. H. Van Dyke, later gave all of the stone with which the present church was built. Mrs. Eugene Elliot was the first white child baptized in the church. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Dousman, came to Milwaukee in 1836.

Record of Industrial Deeds

Many of Milwaukee's leading industries were started in the middle of the nineteenth century by pioneers.

Edward P. Allis, ancestor of Mrs. Richard H. Norris, came here in 1840 and established the Reliance iron-works, which later merged and became known as Allis-Chalmers. Guido Pfister, father of Mrs. Fred Vogel, jr., came from Germany in 1846, and in partnership with Fred Vogel founded Milwaukee's first tannery. Timothy A. Chapman, the father of Miss Alice Chapman, and in whose memory her gift was made, came from Maine in 1857 to establish a dry goods business on the site on which it stands today. H. B. Coleman, whose descendant is H. H. Coleman, came from Bremen, Germany, at the age of 15 to establish in 1850, the Milwaukee Herald. This newspaper later combined with the Germania and had the largest circulation in the Northwest among German speaking people.

All of these pioneers are only a few of the long list collected by the Colonial Dames.



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