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BOUNDARIES
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1840 to 1841

By an act of the Wisconsin Territorial Legislature, (L.W.T. 1840, Number 12) Winnebago County was established from Brown County territory. This made the boundaries of Brown County as follows:

Beginning on the eastern boundary of the State of Wisconsin on Lake Michigan at the point where it intersects the township line between townships 20 and 21; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges 13 and 14 east; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships 18 and 19 north; thence west on said township line to range 12 east; thence south on the range line between ranges 12 and 13 east to the township line between townships 17 and 18 north; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges 11 and 12 east; thence south on said township line to the township line between townships 16 and 17; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges 10 and 11 east; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships 15 and 16 north; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges 8 and 9 east; thence south on said range line to the Wisconsin River. The western boundary of Brown County was the Wisconsin River, and the northern and eastern boundaries of Brown County coincided with the northern and eastern boundaries of this State.

1841 to 1842

By an act of the Wisconsin Territorial Legislature, (L.W.T. 1841, Number 38) certain portions of Brown County were attached to the County of Portage.

By an act of the Wisconsin Territorial Legislature, 1841, No. 40, the district of country composing the County of Calumet was attached to and made a part of the County of Brown. These acts made the boundaries of Brown County as follows:

All that district of country bounded on the north and east by the boundary line between the Territory of Wisconsin and the State of Michigan; on the south by the Counties of Manitowoc, Calumet and Winnebago and the Fox River; and on the west by Portage County.

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1842 to 1849

By an act of the Wisconsin Territorial Legislature, approved February 18, 1842, (L.W.T. 1842, Page 74) the preceding act was repealed and Calumet County was re-established.

1849 to 1850

By an act of the Wisconsin Legislature, approved March 6, 1849, (L.W. 1849, Chapter 73) and by an act approved March 8, 1849, (L.W. 1849, Chapter 79) the boundaries of Brown County were established as follows:

Beginning at a point in the boundary line between this State and the State of Michigan where the range line between ranges 9 and 10 strikes said boundary line; thence easterly to the mouth of the Menominee River; thence with said boundary line to Green Bay and Lake Michigan to a point in the range of the east and west line between townships 20 and 21 north; thence west on said line to the middle of the Wolf River; thence up the middle of said river until it intersects the range line between ranges 9 and 10 east; thence north on the range line to the place of beginning.

1850 to 1851

By an act of the Wisconsin Legislature, approved February 9, 1850, (L.W. 1850, Chapter 166) a certain portion was detached from Brown County and attached to the County of Manitowoc. This made the boundaries of Brown County as follows:

Beginning at a point in the boundary line between this State and the State of Michigan where the range line between ranges 9 and 10 east strikes said boundary line; running thence easterly to the mouth of the Menominee River; thence with said boundary line to Green Bay and Lake Michigan to a point in the range of the east and west line between townships 22 and 21 north; thence west on said line to the range line between ranges 21 and 22 east; thence south to the township line between townships 20 and 21 north; thence west on said line to the middle of the Wolf River; thence up the middle of said river until it intersects the range line between ranges 9 and 10 east; thence north on the range line to the place of beginning.

1851 to 1919

By an act of the Wisconsin Legislature, approved February 6, 1851, (L.W. 1851, Chapter 44) Oconto County was created from Brown County territory.

By an act of the Wisconsin Legislature, approved February 11, 1851, (L.W. 1851, Chapter 66) a portion of the County of Brown was given to the County of Door.

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By an act of the Wisconsin Legislature, approved February 17, 1851, (L.W. 1851, Chapter 83) a portion of the County of Brown was set off into a separate county to be called Outagamie.

The boundaries of Brown County as of 1851 were as follows, and so remained until April 1919:

Beginning at the southeast corner of township 22 north, range 22 east; running thence north on the range line between ranges 22 and 23 east to the point where said range line intersects the east shore of Green Bay; thence northeasterly along the east shore of said bay to a point where the township line between townships 25 and 26 north intersects the shore of said bay; thence west on the line between the said mentioned township to the northwest corner of township 25 north, range 19 east; thence south on the range line between ranges 18 and 19 east to the southwest corner of township 25 north, range 19 east; thence east on the south line of said township to the northeast corner of section 4 of township 24 north, range 19 east; thence south on this section line to the southeast corner of section 33 of township 21 north, range 19 east; thence east on the township line between townships 20 and 21 north to the southwest corner of township 21 north, range 22 east; thence north on the range line between ranges 21 and 22 east to the northwest corner of said township 21 north, range 22 east; thence east on the township line between townships 21 and 22 north to the place of beginning.

1919 to Date

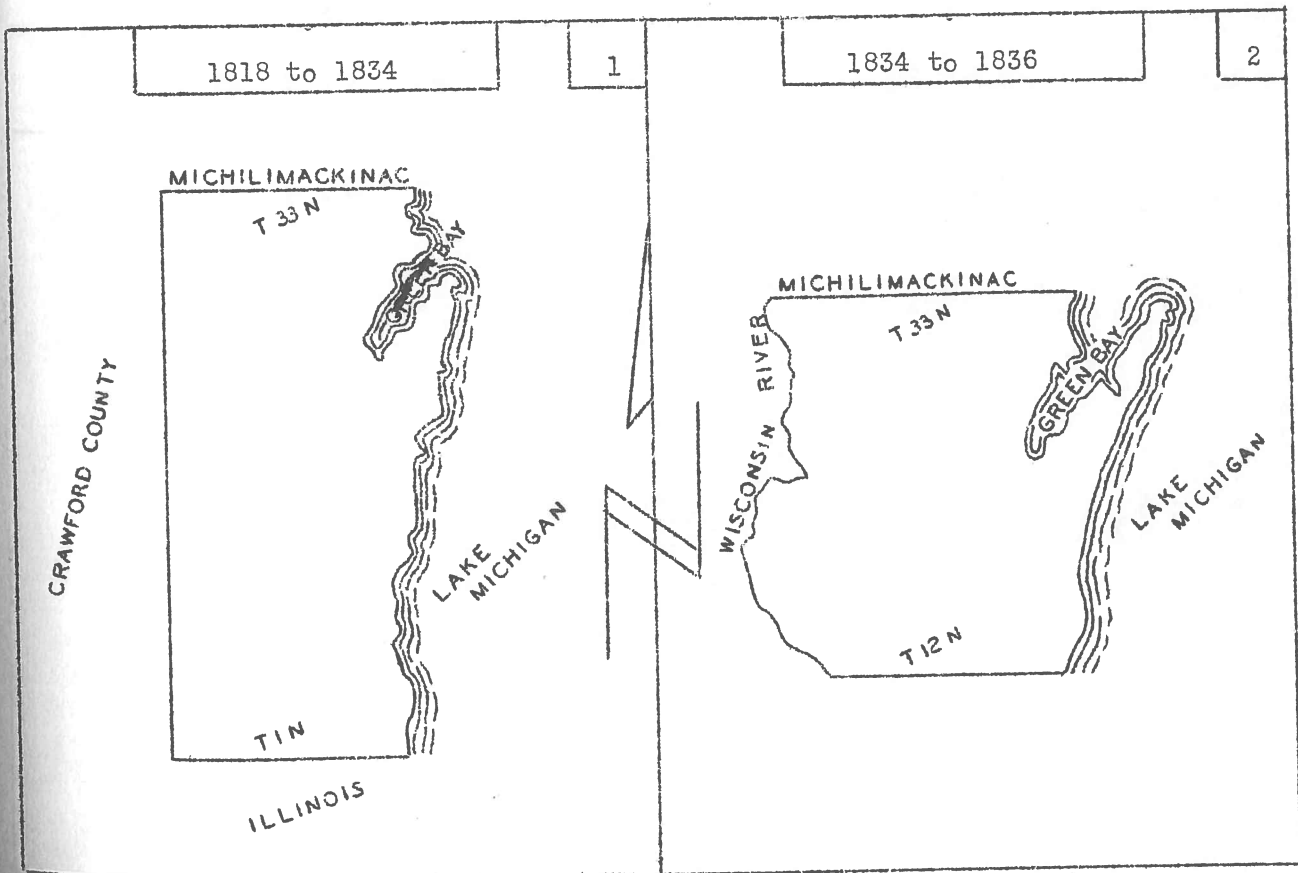
By an act of the Wisconsin Legislature, approved May 1, 1919, (L.W. 1919, Chapter 96) and an act of the Wisconsin Legislature, approved July 25, 1919, (L.W. 1919, Chapter 617) certain territory was detached from the counties of Shawano and Oconto and attached to the County of Brown.

By an act of the Wisconsin Legislature, approved August 9, 1919, (L.W. 1919, Chapter 702) the present-day boundaries of Brown County were established as follows:

Beginning at the southeast corner of township 22 north, range 22 east of the Meridian aforesaid and running thence north on the range line (22) to the point where said range line intersects the east shore of Green Bay; thence northeasterly along the east shore of said bay to a point where the township line between townships 25 and 26 intersects the shore of said bay; thence west on said township line to the southeast corner of fractional section 31 in township 26 north, range 19 east; thence north on the section line to the quarter post between fractional section 31 and section 32, in township

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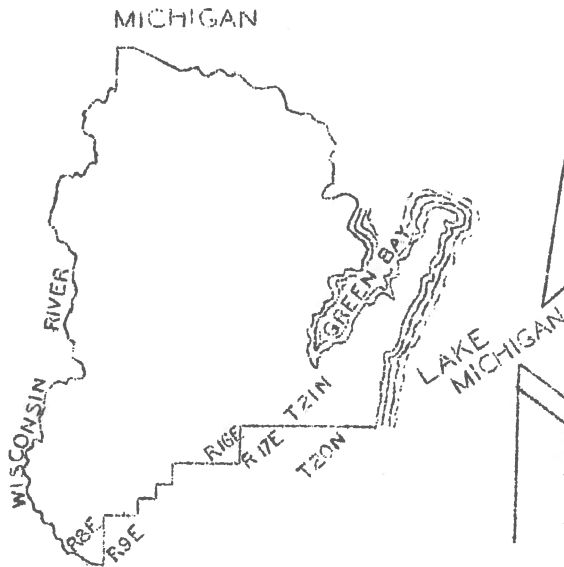
26 north, range 19 east; thence west on the quarter section lines to the center post of section 36, in township 26 north, range 18 east; thence south on the quarter section line to the center post of section 1, in township 25 north, range 18 east; thence east on the quarter section line to the quarter post between section 1 in township 25 north, range 18 east and section 6 in township 25 north, range 19 east; thence south on the range line to the southwest corner of township 25 north, range 19 east; thence east on the south line of said township to the northeast corner of section 4, in township 24 north, range 19 east; thence south on the section line to the southeast corner of section 33, in township 21 north, range 19 east; thence east on the township line to the southwest corner of township 21 north, range 22 east; thence north on the range line between ranges 21 and 22 east to the northwest corner of said township 21 north, range 22 east; thence east on the township line between townships 21 and 22 north, to the place of beginning.



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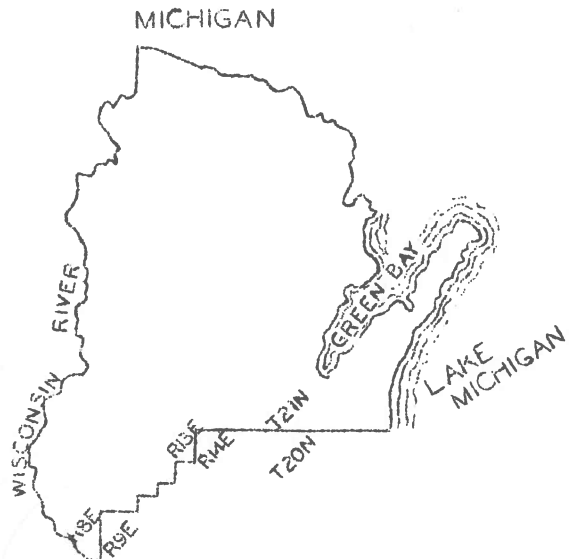
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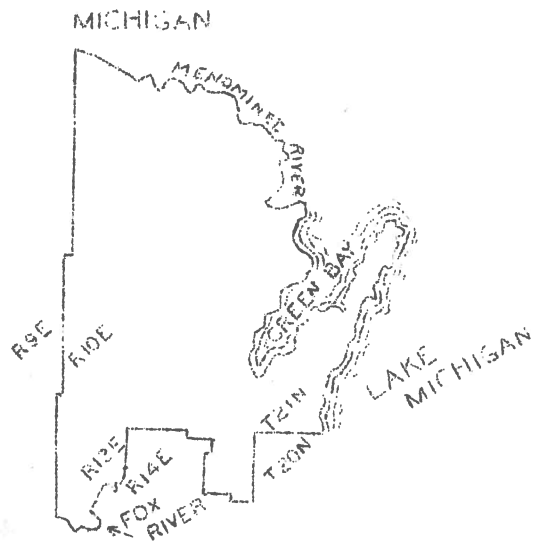
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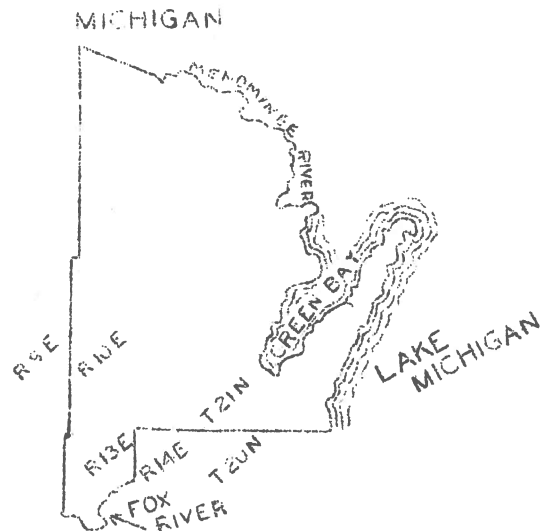
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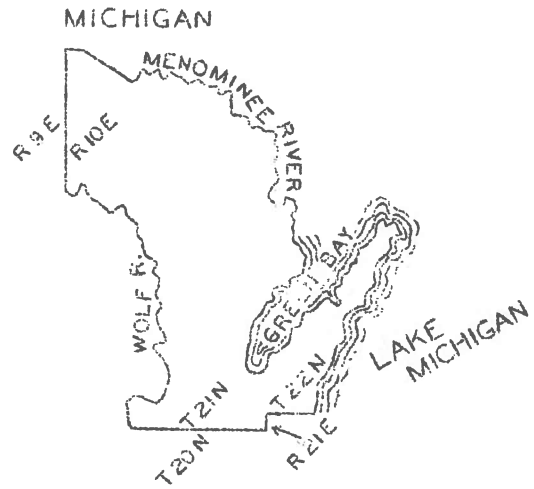
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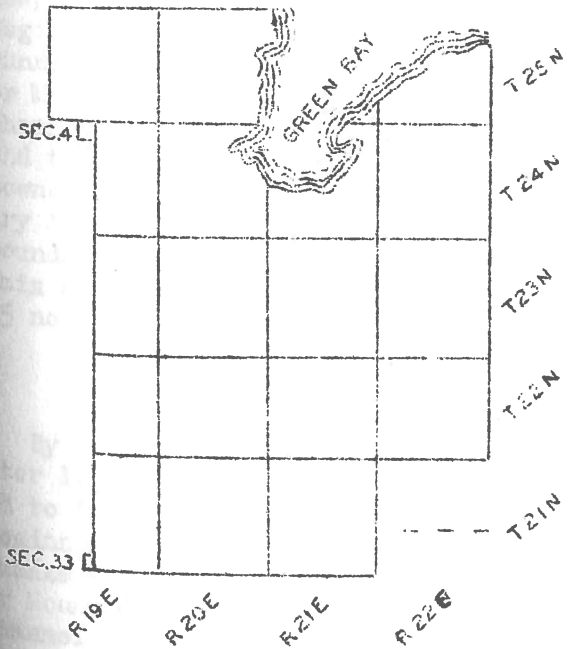
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1851 to 1919

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