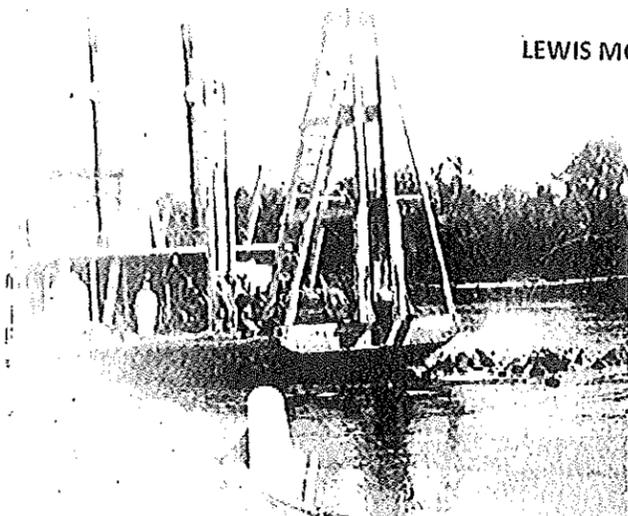
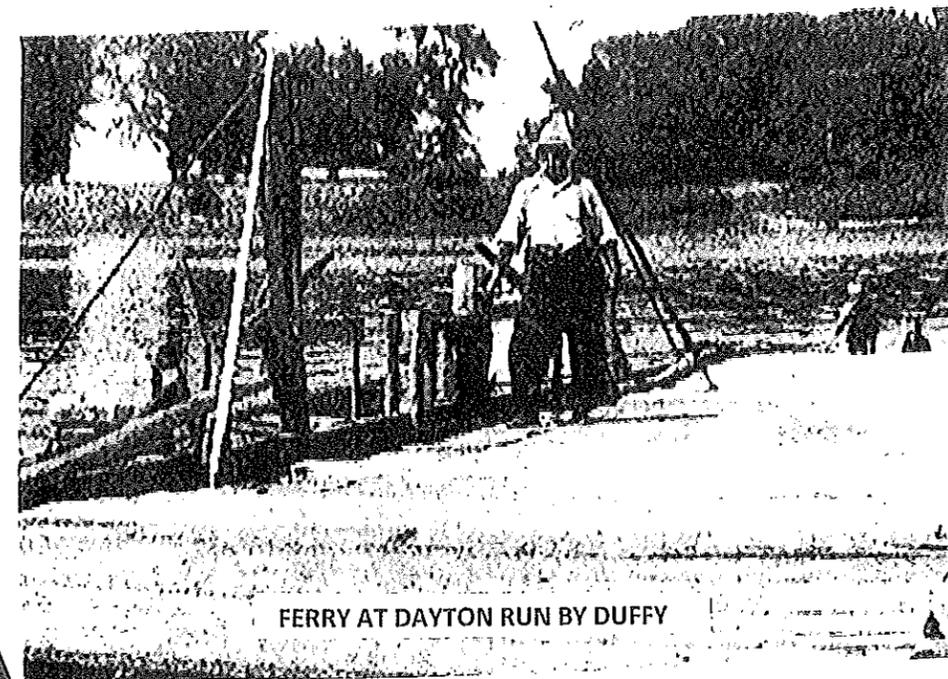
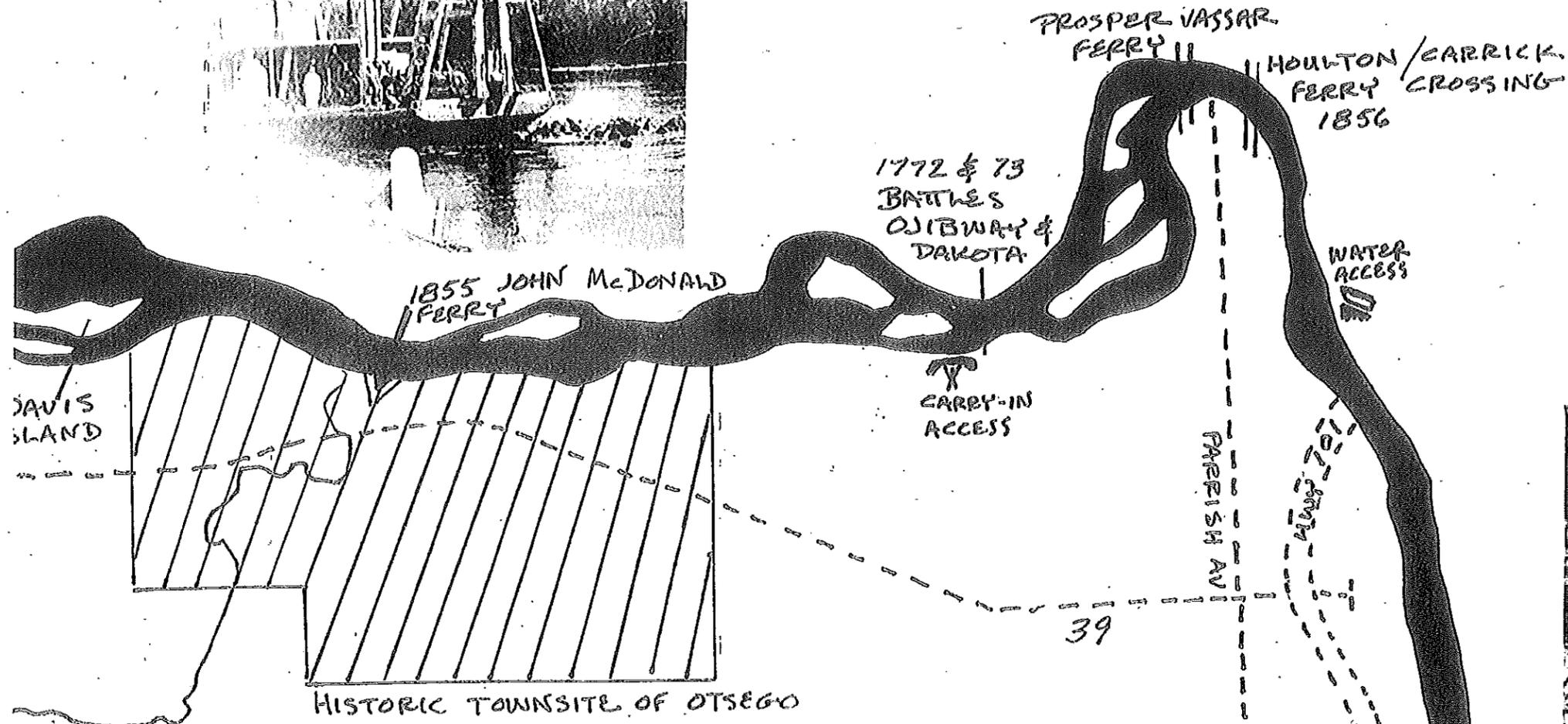


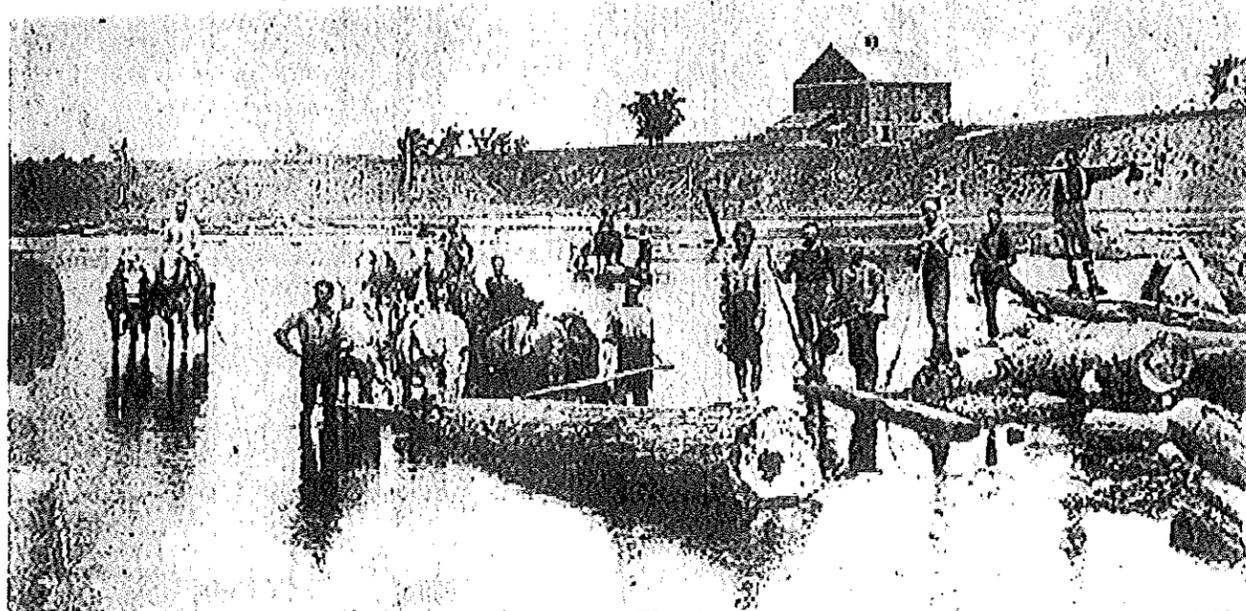
LEWIS MCDONALD'S STEAMBOAT



Historical Interpretation of Mississippi River adjacent to Otsego



FERRY AT DAYTON RUN BY DUFFY



ANOTHER OLD LOGGING PICTURE was brought to the Star News by Andy Davis, showing some of the men who wrestled logs on the Mississippi 50 or 60 years ago. Among those in the picture are Andy Davis himself, shown as a child standing on the log in the foreground. To the left of him standing in the water behind the same log is Sid Cooley; third from the right is Orin Davis. Others include Richard Kluge, Oscar Adams, Arthur McLean and Higgins.

"NORTHWOOD"

OLIVER & CHARLES KELLEY PLATED & BUILT PART OF "PAPER TOWN" 1856-58

KELLEYS STARTED EXCELSIOR METAL POLISH COMPANY USING RIVER SILT AS POLISH

FERRY OR STEAMBOAT LANDING GROOVES VISIBLE IN BANK

SLATER'S FERRY 1854-193

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Did you know? Otsego River Ferries History...

"Before bridges were built, ferries were used to cross the Mississippi during warm weather. In winter, crossings were made on the ice. The ferry was a flat boat, large enough to carry a horse and buggy or team of horses and wagon. It was attached to a cable stretched across the river. A bell was used to signal the operator that someone on the opposite side wanted to cross over"... "Ice in winter and log jams in summer made crossings hazardous."

"The first ferry was established in 1854 by Samuel Carrick of Otsego who had a trading post on 'Carrick's Prairie'...located near the present Parrish Avenue Bridge. Shortly after 1900 it was relocated about a quarter of a mile upstream and was run by Prosper Vasseur of Otsego. After the bridge was constructed in 1904 the ferry was discontinued."

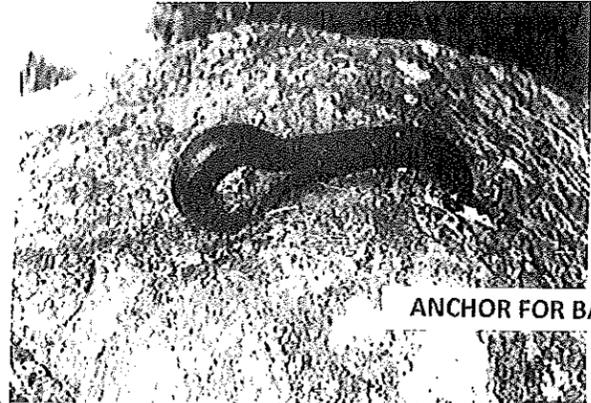
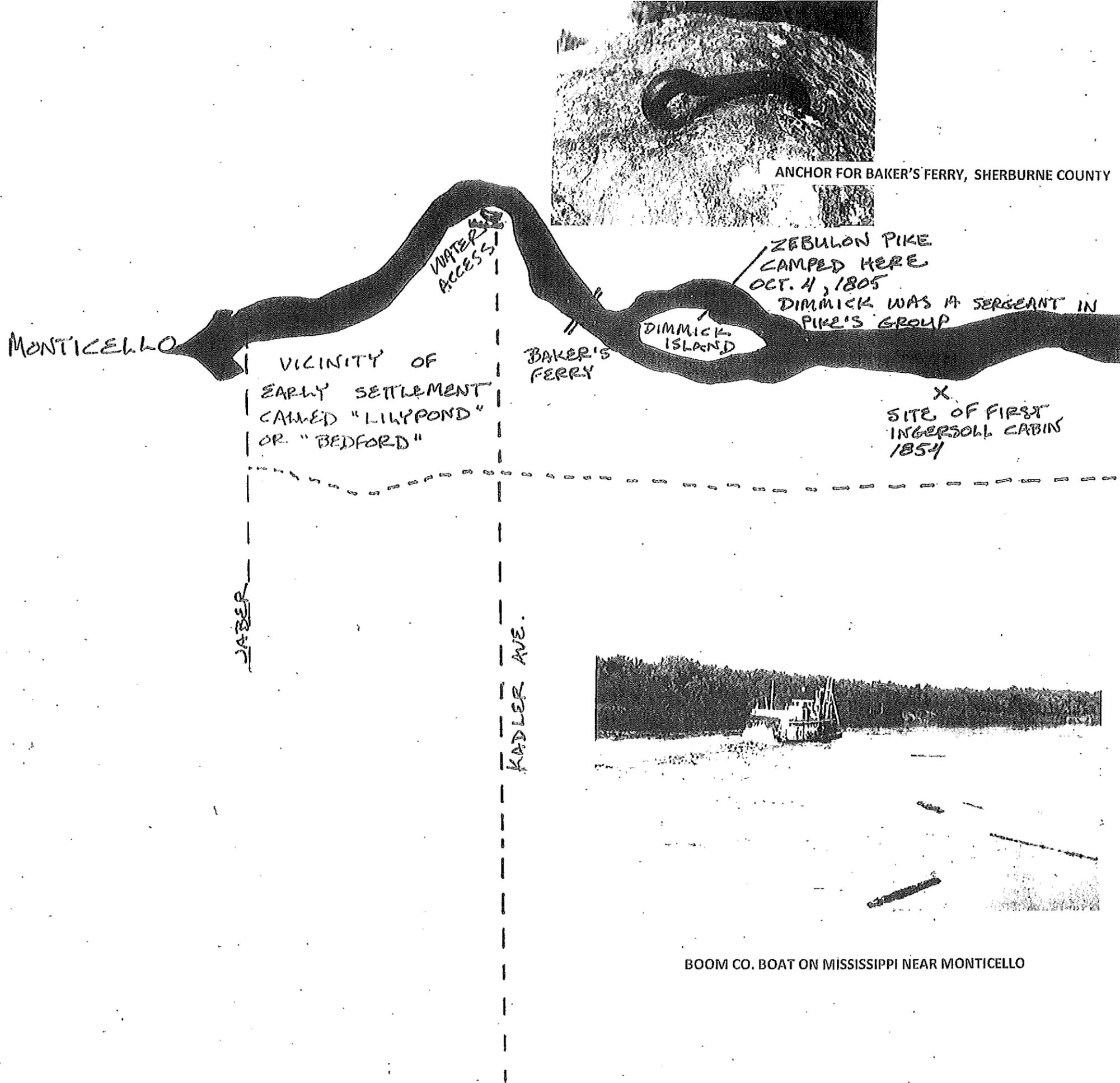
"A ferry at the Otsego townsite [near the current river access on Nashua Street] was established by John McDonald in 1855."

"The third ferry was located in the Lily Pond area (Range 24, Section 11) [slightly east of the river access at the end of Kadler Avenue in western Otsego]... 'known as Baker's Ferry'... "It was well patronized and Elk River became a marketing and trading center for Otsego, Monticello, Frankfort and other Wright county settlements."

"Another ferry was established in 1854 by Charles Ayd of Otsego. It was located near the mouth of the Crow river. He operated it for several years. It appears that George Slater, who came to Dayton from England in 1856, ran it for a number of years. It is identified as "Slater's Ferry" on the 1879 and 1894 maps. Slater apparently moved from Dayton before 1870 as he appears on the 1870 Otsego census. Oliver Perrault of Hennepin county ran it until he sold to Adolph "Duffy Martin" in 1902. Duffy took over until 1937 when he discontinued the service."

"During these years, most roads in Otsego were gravel and were maintained by local farmers. Travel was by horse and buggy, or wagon until the first automobiles appeared in the early 1900's. The 1910 census lists 10 autos in Wright County."

from Otsego, the Family Farm Years: 1880 to 1910, (Elaine Norin) published by the Otsego Heritage Preservation Commission, 2002. Entire book available for purchase at Otsego City Hall.



ANCHOR FOR BAKER'S FERRY, SHERBURNE COUNTY



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