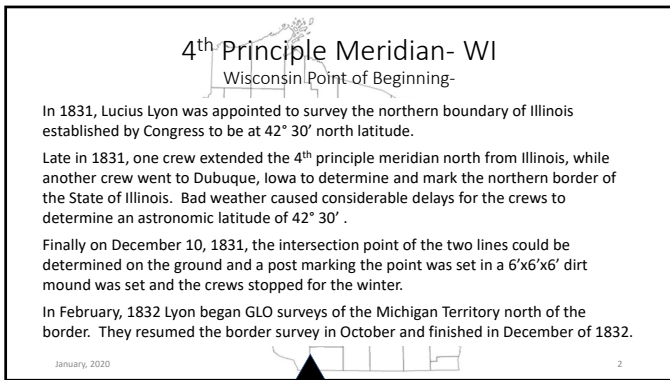
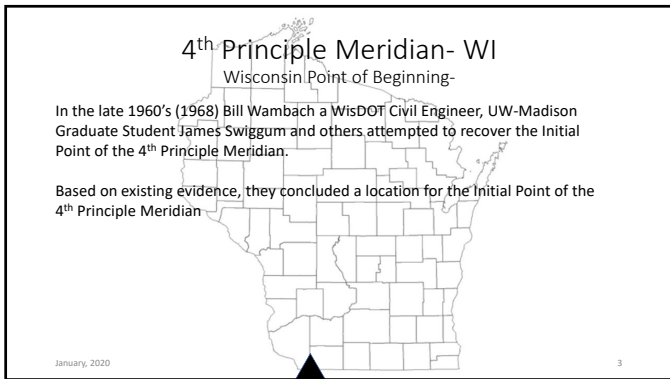


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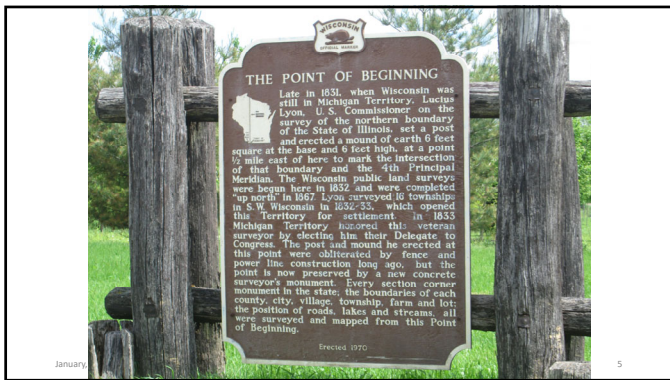
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Facts to Consider

- Wisconsin State boundary is defined in The Congressional Enabling Act and repeated in Article 2 of the WI State Constitution
- Counties boundaries are defined in Chapter 2 of the Wisconsin State Statutes
- Counties can only be created and merged/abolished by the Legislature per article 4 of the constitution.
- Depending on the date, Wisconsin counties were created by the Michigan Territorial Legislature (1818–1836), the Wisconsin Territorial Legislature (1836–1848), or the Wisconsin State Legislature (after 1848).


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State boundary is defined in The Congressional Enabling Act and repeated in Article 2 of the WI State Constitution

CHAP. LXXXIX. -An Act to enable the People of Wisconsin Territory to form a Constitution and State Government, and for the Admission of such State into the Union.
Session 1 of the 29th Congress August 6, 1846

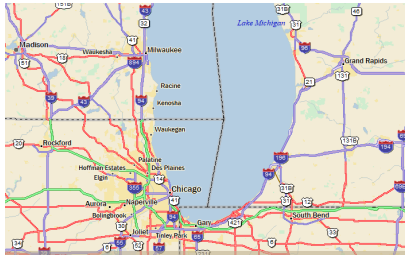
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the people of the Territory of Wisconsin be, and they are hereby, authorized to form a constitution and State government, for the purpose of being admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original States in all respects whatsoever, by the name of the State of Wisconsin, with the following boundaries, to wit:

Beginning at the north-east corner of the State of Illinois- that is to say, at a point in the centre of Lake Michigan where the line of forty-two degrees and thirty minutes of north latitude crosses the same; thence running with the boundary line of the State of Michigan, through Lake Michigan, Green Bay, to the mouth of the Menomonic River;

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thence up the channel of said river to the Brule River;

thence up said last mentioned river to Lake Brule;


thence along the southern shore of Lake Brule in a direct line to the centre of the channel between Middle and South Islands, in the Lake of the Desert; thence in a direct line to the head-waters of the Montreal River, as marked upon the survey made by Captain Cramm;

thence down the main channel of the Montreal River to the middle of Lake Superior;

thence through the centre of Lake Superior to the mouth of the St. Louis River;

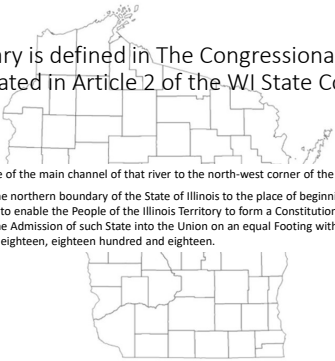
thence up the main channel of said river to the first rapids in the same, above the Indian village, according to Nicollet's map;

thence due south to the main branch of the River St. Croix; thence down the main channel of said river to the Mississippi;

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thence down the centre of the main channel of that river to the north-west corner of the State of Illinois; thence due east with the northern boundary of the State of Illinois to the place of beginning, as established by "An Act to enable the People of the Illinois Territory to form a Constitution and State Government, and for the Admission of such State into the Union on an equal Footing with the original States," approved April eighteen, eighteen hundred and eighteen.

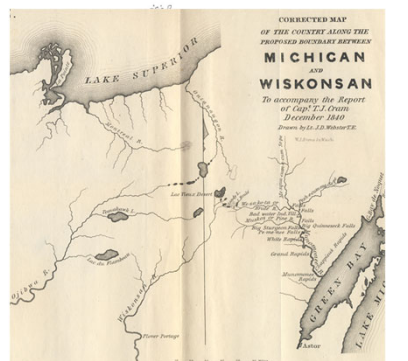
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CORRECTED MAP OF THE QUARTER ALONG THE PROPOSED BOUNDARY BETWEEN MICHIGAN AND WISCONSAN
To accompany the Report of Sept. 25 from December 1840
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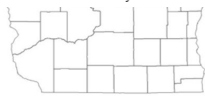
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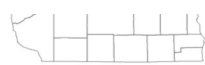
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2.02 Construction of boundary descriptions.
Whenever the boundary line of any county is described as running north or south on any range line, or east or west on any township line, the said boundary line shall be deemed to run on such lines as are established by the United States survey, making such offsets, where said range lines and township lines are not continuous straight lines, as are made by such United States surveys.



2.03 Jurisdiction of counties on boundary streams.
Whenever 2 counties are separated from each other by a river or a creek, the middle of the main channel of such river or creek shall be the division line between them, unless otherwise provided in the description of the boundaries of such counties. The counties so separated shall have common jurisdiction of all offenses committed on the waters between them, and all writs and process issued in any such county may be executed at any place on the waters of such river or creek opposite the county from which it was issued.


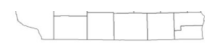


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2.04 Jurisdiction of counties on boundary lakes and state boundary waters.
The counties now or hereafter organized upon the westerly shore of Lake Michigan shall have jurisdiction in common of all offenses committed on the lake.
The counties now or hereafter organized on the shores of Green Bay shall have jurisdiction in common of all offenses committed on Green Bay.
The counties now or hereafter organized on the southerly shore of Lake Superior shall have jurisdiction in common of all offenses committed on the lake.
The counties now or hereafter organized on the easterly shore of the Mississippi River shall have jurisdiction in common of all offenses committed on the river.
The counties now or hereafter organized on the shores of Lake Winnebago shall have jurisdiction in common of all offenses committed on any part of the lake.
The counties now or hereafter organized on the easterly shore of the St. Croix River or lake shall have jurisdiction in common of all offenses committed on any part of the river or lake


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2.05 Brown County records.
The record in Brown County, made prior to January 1, 1840, of any such conveyance or instrument mentioned in s. 889.17, affecting lands situated in any other county at the time such record was made and duly certified copies thereof, shall be received in evidence with the same effect as if the same had been duly recorded in the county where the land was situated...



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2.06 Records of Iron and Forest counties. The records of Iron and Forest counties, which have been or may be transcribed from the original records of other counties, ... shall be received in all courts as prima facie evidence of the matters therein contained in the same manner as now provided by law for the reception of record evidence...

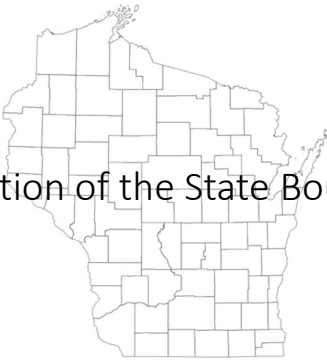
2.07 Transcribed records of Rusk County. The transcribed records of Rusk County, which have been or may be transcribed from the original records of other counties, ... shall be received in all courts in this state, as prima facie evidence of the matters therein contained, in the same manner as now provided by law for the reception of record evidence.

2.08 Transcribed records of Menominee County. The records of Menominee County, which have been or may be transcribed from the original records of other counties, ... shall be received in all courts as prima facie evidence of the matters therein contained in the same manner as now provided by law for the reception of record evidence. Title in grantees of the United States to lands situated in Menominee County shall become valid as of the effective date of the patent to such grantees, and no action or proceeding shall be commenced in any court in this state to question the validity of title passed by the patent when the patent has been duly recorded with the register of deeds of Menominee County. This section shall not affect any rights of this state.

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Evolution of the State Boundary



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Northwest Territory
1787-1800

The region was ceded to the United States in the Treaty of Paris of 1783.

The Congress of the Confederation enacted the Northwest Ordinance in 1787 to provide for the administration of the territories and set rules for admission of jurisdictions as states.

On August 7, 1789, the new U.S. Congress affirmed the Ordinance with slight modifications under the Constitution.

MAP OF THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORY.

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Northwest Territory
1787-1800

Jefferson's Idea on creation of states west of the Appalachian Mountains

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Indiana Territory
1800-1809

Disputed between Indiana Territory and Rupert's Land (UK)

Connecticut Western Reserve

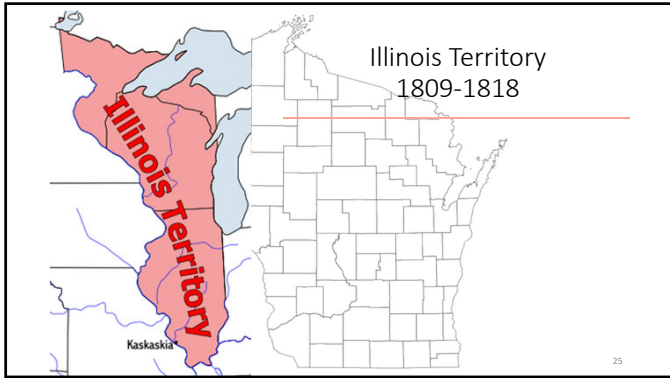
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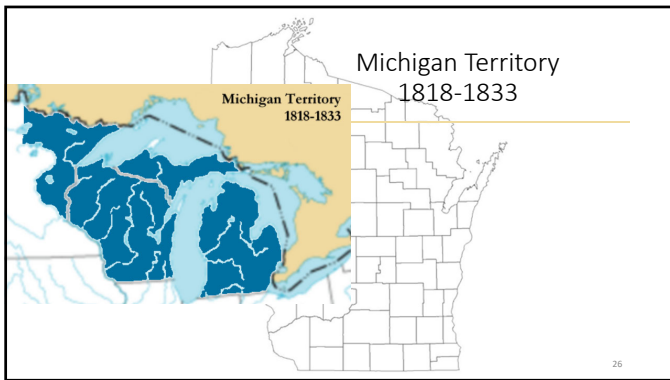
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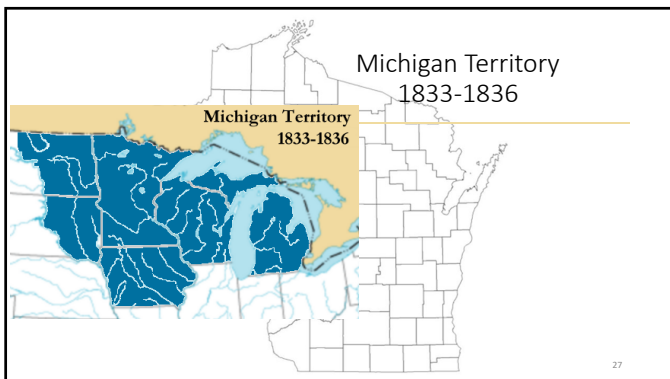
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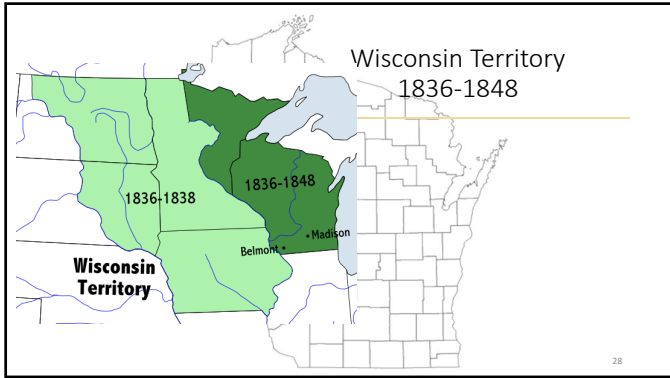
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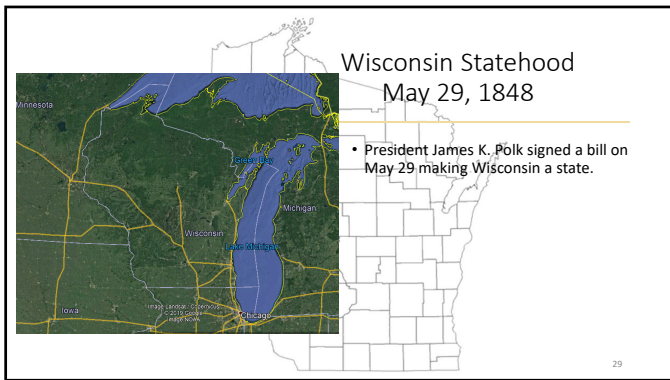
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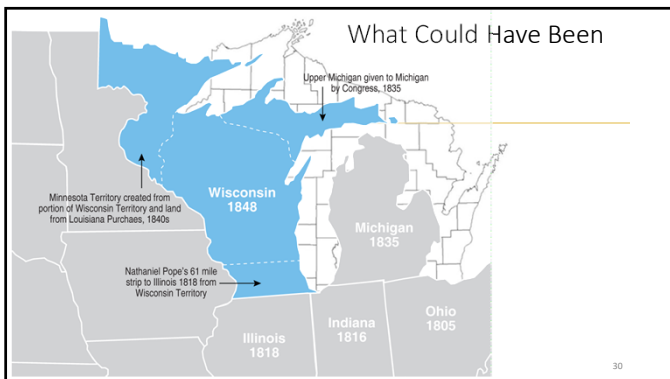
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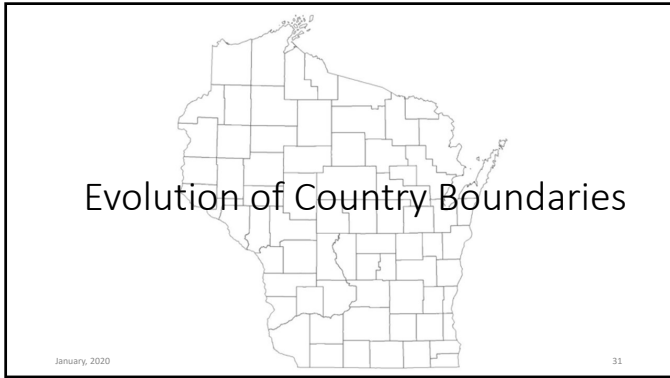
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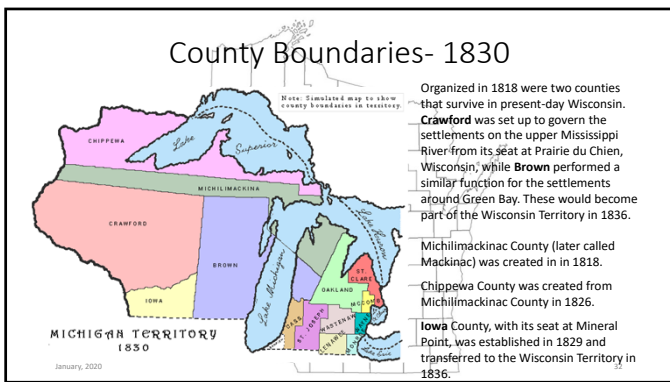
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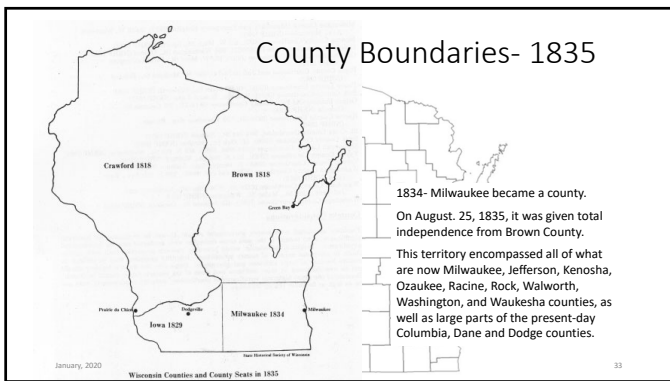
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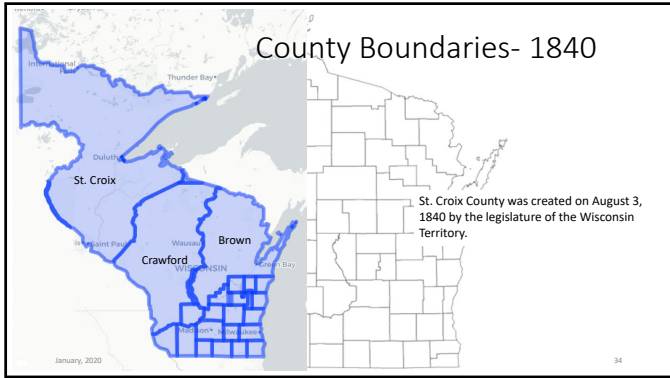
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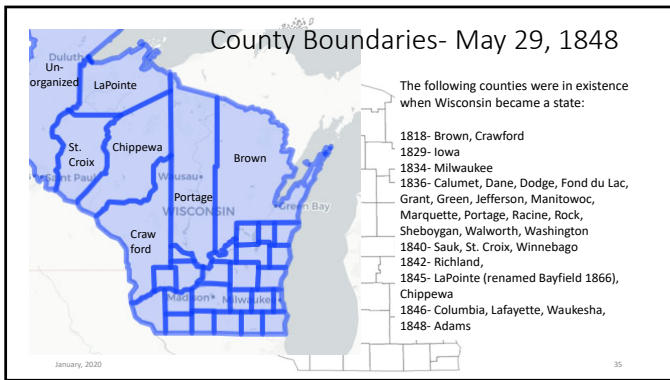
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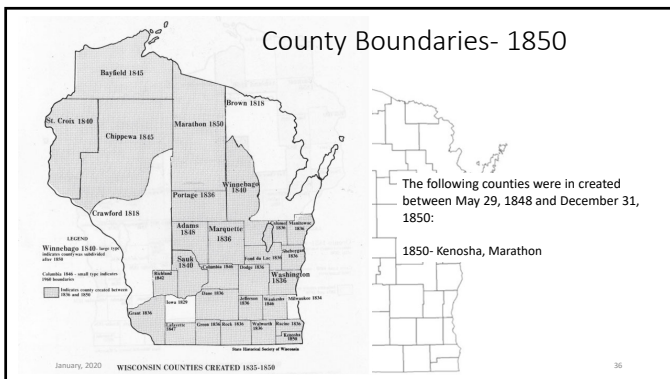
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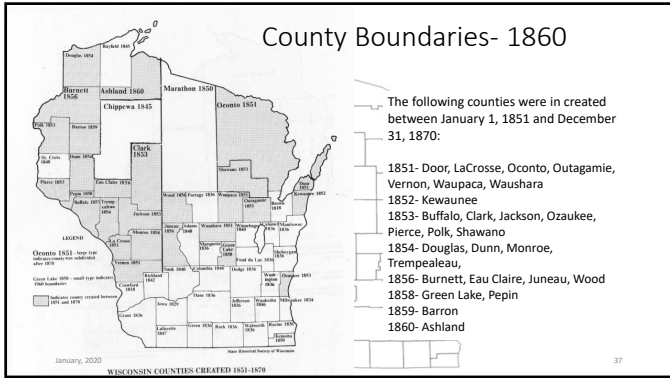
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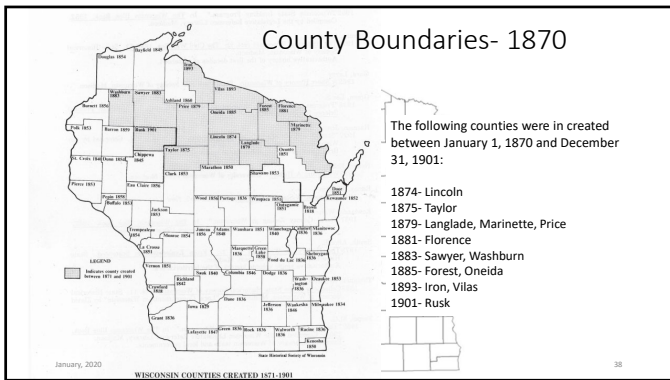
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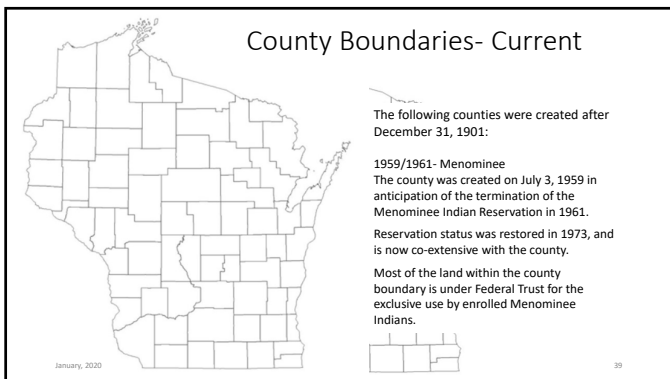
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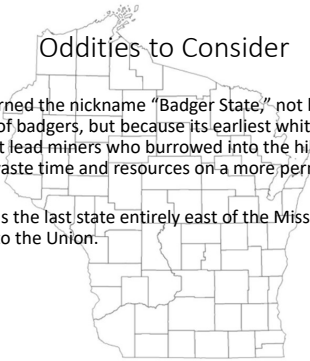
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Oddities to Consider

- Wisconsin earned the nickname "Badger State," not because of its proliferation of badgers, but because its earliest white inhabitants were itinerant lead miners who burrowed into the hills for shelter rather than waste time and resources on a more permanent structure.
- Wisconsin was the last state entirely east of the Mississippi River to be admitted to the Union.



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