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In This Issue

PATRICK J. JUNG, professor of history and anthropology at the Milwaukee School of Engineering, relates the history of Fort Madison before and during the War of 1812. He assesses the decisions made by federal officials and military officers about the post’s purpose and location, examines military readiness and morale at the fort, and explores the cultural forces that led Indian tribes in the vicinity to repeatedly attack the fort. All of these factors help explain why Fort Madison was generally ineffective as a military fortification during the War of 1812.

BILL R. DOUGLAS, an independent historian, recounts the efforts of the Des Moines Brotherhood Trio—Jewish rabbi Eugene Mannheimer, Protestant minister Stoddard Lane, and Catholic priest Robert Walsh—as they barnstormed the state of Iowa in the late 1930s and early 1940s to promote religious tolerance and mutual respect. He also sets their efforts in the context of earlier efforts in Iowa to promote pluralism, tolerance, ecumenism, and interfaith cooperation.

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Old Fort Madison, as sketched by Wm. E. L. Brum, from Palimpsest 39 (January 1958), back cover. For a military history of Old Fort Madison, see Patrick Jung’s article in this issue.

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