

Why Did They Name It That? by Jimmie Close

< Freedom, Wisconsin: James Jackson escaped slavery and settled in the village of Sagola, Wisconsin. Subsequently, town leaders wanted to change the name of the village to Jackson. However, the former slave suggested that Freedom would be more appropriate, and the town leaders agreed.

Six ships loaded with furs stopped for the night in a small harbor on the south shore of Green Bay. After dinner, the crews of the ships engaged in a food fight that involved throwing many eggs. One person of the group I talked to was quite adamant that the food fight was pure fiction. Claiming to be a direct descendant of one of the founders, she insisted the name came about in the early 1830's, when one of the settlers found a nest of bird eggs on the shore.

She was outvoted four to one.

