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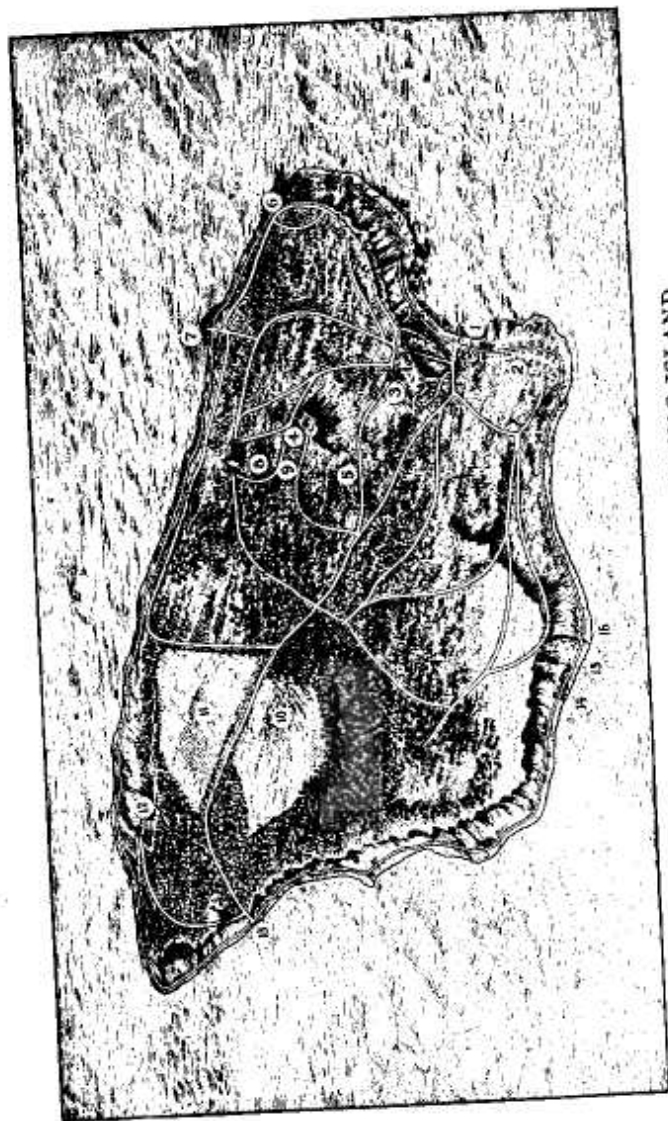
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BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF MACKINAC ISLAND.  
1. Docks. 2. Village. 3. Ft. Mackinac. 4. Ft. Holmes. 5. Skull Cave. 6. Robinson's Polly. 7. Arch Rock. 8. Sugar  
Loaf. 9. Lookout Point. 10. Battlefield. 11. Farm. 12. Scott's Cave. 13. British Landing. 14. Lower's Leap.  
15. Pontiac's Lookout. 16. Devil's Kitchen.

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TO ALL THOSE  
WHO HAVING ONCE KNOWN  
**THE ISLAND OF THE STRAITS**  
STILL REMEMBER ITS CHARM,  
AND REMAIN UNDER THE POWER OF ITS SPELL,  
THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED.



## PREFACE TO THIRD EDITION.

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This book was first issued in 1897. My thirteen summers at Mackinac Island up to that date have since increased to sixteen. I have felt moved from my acquaintance with the Island and my interest in it, to furnish in written form some of its history.

The book now enters its third edition: It is very considerably enlarged over the first and second issues.

While it is believed this portrayal in its historical portion may have interest for the general reader, it at the same time carries a local coloring which may more particularly appeal to those who know the place and who visit its shores. As the charm of the locality is due, in no small degree, to the halo of antiquity which hangs over it, I have felt warranted in giving special (though not exclusive) attention to *early Mackinac*.

The work embodies the result of no little research and investigation. As the reader will perceive, I am much indebted to the various writings of Henry R. Schoolcraft who dwelt for twenty years in the upper lakes region, and for eight years of this time was a resident of the Island. I also express my obligations to the valuable series of "Collections and Researches," a work carried on by the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society. These collections at present number twenty-eight volumes. The use they make of the important "Haldimand Papers," of Canada, bring to hand much of the early military history of the Straits and of the Island fort.

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