

tifiable from all the attendant circumstances, though some have professed to think differently. These particulars about the White Crow, I give on the statements of my son Peter Parkinson, Jr., who was with the troops at the Blue Mounds and Morrison's at the time.

From Morrison's place, Col. Dodge proceeded to Gratiot's Grove, halting a while at Fort Defiance. The second day after this, which was early in June, information was received by Col. Dodge while at Gratiot's Grove, that a man had been killed near the Blue Mound Fort. Being on his route south, Col. Dodge dispatched a messenger with instructions to Fort Defiance and Mineral Point, to raise what force could be mounted, and proceed to the scene of the murdered man. Just at that time, a number of French ponies had been brought down from Prairie du Chien for the use of the inhabitants of the Mining District. These ponies were immediately mounted by a company formed of about thirty men, among whom I was one. When we arrived at the Mounds, we found that the man, whose name was William Aubrey,\* was just buried. We remained there one day reconnoitering the country, but could discover no traces of Indians; but we were confident at the time, that Aubrey was killed by the Winnebagoes. The company, which was commanded by Capt. John F. O'Neil, of Mineral Point, returned by way of Fretwell's Diggings to Fort Defiance.

About this time, the people of Fort Defiance and Mineral Point became very much alarmed, in consequence of Capt. James B. Estes coming under whip and spur, at the best speed of his horse, announcing successively at Fort Defiance and Mineral Point, that he had seen a large body of Indians about seven miles below Fort Defiance, making their way towards that fort; adding at Mineral Point, that he had no doubt but that Fort Defiance was then in possession of the Indians. In reading over Capt. Estes' narrative in Gen. Smith's History, I was not a little surprised that he had

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\* Aubrey was killed on the 6th of June.