

Souligny, Carron, Pe-wau-te-not, with their warriors, proceeded by land, accompanied by Col. Hamilton. We stopped at Brunet's Ferry, on the Wisconsin, and started early the next morning, and about noon struck the Sauk trail, and pursued it till the sun was about an hour and a half high, when we discovered the smoke of the Indians encamped in a low spot beside a small stream in the prairie. There were only two men, and a youth about twelve years old, three or four women, and as many more children. We at once surrounded them, and rushed upon them, with orders to take them prisoners; but the Menomonees were fierce for a fight, and killed the two men, and took the others prisoners. They fired a volley at the two Sauks, and when they fell, they were riddled with bullets by those coming up, who wished to share in the honor of having participated in the fight. In the melee, one of the children was wounded, and died the next day. Lieut. Robert Grignon was badly wounded in the side with a buckshot, and coursing around the back, lodged. He thought he was shot by the Indian lad, but I think it was quite as likely to have been by some of our own party, firing, as they were, in every direction. This little affair occurred not far back from the Mississippi, and some ten or fifteen miles north of Cassville; Col. Hamilton participated in it.

We camped on the battle ground that night, and next day went to Cassville, carrying Robert Grignon on a litter; and thence to Prairie du Chien he was conveyed in a canoe, while we returned by land. We delivered the prisoners at Prairie du Chien; we had to leave Robert Grignon there, the shot could not be extracted, and was not able to return till in the autumn. We commenced our return home in three days, and nothing happened on our march worthy of particular notice. All our surviving party have received bounty land warrants, which the Menomonees have generally sold; and Robert Grignon, in consequence of his wound, receives a pension.