

about fifteen or twenty feet from the Colonel. He was stretched at full length, and was shot through the body, I think near the heart. The ball went out through his back. He held his tomahawk in his right hand, (it had a brass pipe on the head of it;) his arm was extended as if striking, and the edge of the tomahawk was stuck in the ground. Tecumseh was dressed in red speckled leggings, and a fringed hunting shirt;* he lay stretched directly towards Col. Johnson. When we went up to the Colonel, we offered to help him. He replied with great animation, "Knaggs, let me lay here, and push on and take Proctor." However, we liberated him from his dead horse, took his blanket from his saddle, placed him in it, and bore him off the field. I had known Tecumseh from my boyhood; we were boys together. There was no other Indian killed immediately around where Col. Johnson or Tecumseh lay, though there were many near the creek, a few rods back of where Tecumseh fell.

I had no doubt then, and have none now, that Tecumseh fell by the hand of Col. Johnson.

JAMES KNAGGS.

Sworn to, before me, this 22d day of September, 1853.

B. F. H. WITHERELL, *Notary Public*.

NOTE.—Col. Johnson was invariably modest about claiming the honor of having slain Tecumseh. When I paid him a visit, at his residence at the Great Crossings, in Kentucky, in 1844, while collecting the facts and materials illustrative of the career of Clark, Boone, Kenton and other Western pioneers, he exhibited to me the horse-pistols he used in the battle of the Thames, and modestly remarked, "that with them he shot the chief who had confronted and wounded him in the engagement."

Alluding to Capt. Knaggs' statement, the *Louisville Journal* remarked: "A new witness has appeared in the newspapers testifying to facts which tend to show that Col. R. M. Johnson killed Tecumseh.

*It is stated in Lanman's *Hist. of Michigan*, that "during the whole war Tecumseh's dress was a deer-skin coat and leggings, and in that dress he was found when killed at the battle of the Thames." L. C. D.