

original place of abode, corresponds quite well with that of the Algonquin nation, that they came from the salt water.

When Carver visited the Winnebagoes, they had left Green Bay, and were residing on Fox River, and the lake which bears their name, and after the Sauks and Foxes had left the Wisconsin River, the Winnebagoes occupied that region, where the present white population found them, and from whence they were removed, when taken from the State to Iowa.

The Sacs, Sauks or Saukies, next came into view, among the Aboriginal occupants of our State. The account which Black Hawk gives of his people, in his Life, conflicts very materially with that of Shea's authorities. The old Chief says that his people originally resided near Quebec; and from his own account, must have been like Ishmael, their hands against every body, and, of course, every body's hands would be against them in self defence, till they were reduced to a mere handful. They first fell back to Montreal, and from thence to Mackinaw, and being still pursued by their enemies, probably because they kept up their aggressions on others, they retreated from place to place until they settled on Sac River of Green Bay. The Foxes being reduced by similar means, and for similar cause, to a small number, also, here joined the Sauks for mutual defence and protection. The united bands afterwards became more formidable, and continuing their depredations on others, the injured parties united against them and drove them to the Wisconsin River, where they met the Sioux in fearful combat.

From thence they explored the country south as far as Rock River and Island, finding a beautiful country, and still continuing their marauding habits, drove the Kas-kas-kas from their then homes, and took possession of them for themselves. On reading this account of them from their own head chief, I had less of sympathy for them, and less regret that the mete they had given to others had been dealt out to them by the whites, who drove them from the same beautiful region in 1832.