

The time of the Sauk emigration from the vicinity of Quebec, according to Black Hawk, was soon after that city fell into the hands of the British, which was in 1759. The *Jesuit Relations* place them between Lakes Huron and Erie from 1676 to 1679, three years. This discrepancy is difficult to reconcile. Grignon's *Recollections* place them in alliance with the Foxes, on Fox River in 1746, when they were driven to the Wisconsin River, where Carver found them in 1766. Were it not that Black Hawk fixes the time of their migration from Quebec by a reference to the capture of that city, we could more easily imagine that he was mistaken. But that was so prominent an event, and so deeply interwoven with the history of the Indians in Canada, by a change in the Government, and its relations with those Indians, that without any reference to their own calculations of time, dates, or years, which, in general, is known to be defective, that event itself, the date of which is well known to history, greatly outweighs the mere casual reference to them of an earlier date, as being in the country.

Black Hawk is so minute as to mention that the first his people saw of a British Father (agent or officer) was at Mackinaw, soon after the fall of Quebec, and while the Sauks were fleeing from their pursuers, which was probably the next year after the British ascendancy to power, and which corresponds with the date of the British occupancy of the lake country. Allowing this to be correct, the Sauks had seven years from the fall of Quebec to the time Carver found them on the Wisconsin River at Sauk Prairie.

On the other hand, the dates which placed the Sauks in this country prior to the fall of Quebec have not the same certainties attending them. The fall of Quebec was an era in the Canadian history; a date that cannot be mistaken, and the different names, by which they are called by different and distant travelers, render it doubtful whether the same people are always the subjects of narration. And in most of the cases in which they are named previous to Carver's time they