

are referred to as allies of Foxes, and the fact that since they have been well known by the whites, they have been in that alliance, may have led writers, when speaking of the Foxes, to associate the Sauks with them, though alluding to events which occurred before that alliance took place.

Carver says: "About eighty years ago the Fox River was the residence of the united bands of Outagamies (Foxes), and the Saukies." This, from 1766, would carry them back to 1686, which agrees with the known occupancy of that point by the Foxes. But in 1712 and 1714, the Foxes are mentioned without any reference to the alliance; nor is such alliance mentioned until 1746, and then only incidentally, which makes it probable that it applied only to the Foxes, and that Carver associated them, at that back date, by mistake, because they were associated when he saw them, and it is probable, also, that other writers who have associated them at a period prior to that fixed by Black Hawk for the alliance, have fallen into the same error, and from the same cause. After as careful and thorough sifting of the matter as the means at hand will enable me to do, I am inclined to favor Black Hawk's dates, as to the time of their coming to Green Bay.*

After their alliance with the Foxes, both of them appeared to have been as troublesome to their neighbors as before. They were driven by the French and Indians from the Fox to the Wisconsin River in 1746, according to Grignon's *Recollections*. But it seems from one of Carver's dates that they were on the Wisconsin River as early as 1736. But these dates go back too far, to agree with the time of emigration from Quebec (1759). It was, therefore, either the Foxes alone referred to in these last dates, or there is an error in them. Carver found the Sauks on the Wisconsin River in 1766, seven

*It is not safe, as a general rule, to discard historic records, and give place to mere tradition. It is peculiarly so in this instance. Charlevoix, a truthful historian, visited Green Bay in 1720, and speaks in his published Letters of that date, of the Sauks and their villages in such a way as to convey the idea that they had long been occupants of the country.—L. C. D.