

destinely. The man perished from cold the night following, about eleven miles towards Galena, along what is known as the Military Road. The poor fellow probably finding that he would not be able to stand the severe cold, strapped himself to a tree with the fastenings of his soldier's knapsack. He was soon after discovered frozen stiff, by an expedition on its way from Galena to Fort Winnebago, where his effects, including five hundred dollars in gold, were taken, and forwarded to the War Department, where they might be claimed by his friends. A command was immediately sent back to bury him. His body is supposed to rest at the foot of the tree under which he perished. This was about midway between Hastings' and Runey's between which places there were no inhabitants at that period, and this was the way most commonly travelled by persons who were passing from Fort Winnebago to Madison.

Mr. Halpin referred to some of the principal thoroughfares of ten years ago, which passed directly along on the general course of these Indian trails, which passed from one to another of the principal Indian villages. In 1836, there was great fear of another assault from the Indians at Green Bay, and Mr. Halpin was sent with a despatch from Fort Howard to Fort Winnebago, and thence to Prairie du Chien or Fort Crawford, which was then in command of Gen. Zachary Taylor. Thence Mr. Halpin was still sent on to Fort Snelling, with like dispatches; but, on his return, all was quiet along the chain of forts, and the alarm most likely originated in the fearful surmisings of some timid ones. Both Rasdell and Halpin bore testimony to the characteristics of Indians which have so often been referred to by others. Their representation was that they had no fear of Indians while passing through their country, provided they were not supplied with whiskey; that they would not take advantage of the lonely stranger who approached them with confidence; that the traveler might approach their hut with the strongest reliance upon receiving a portion of the best they possessed, for which they would take nothing; that