

Shortly after Hole-in-the-Day had left the Agency for Crow Wing, a party of nine Pillager Indians, from Leech Lake, came, and after inquiring of Mr. Prescott the whereabouts of Major Bassett, the Agent, they repaired to a wigwam, and asked a squaw where Hole-in-the-Day was. In a short time they, too, started for Crow Wing, and reaching a dense thicket about two-thirds of a mile below the Agency, they secreted themselves. Here they awaited the return of the chief. Just after he had passed, or was passing their ambush, they stepped forth to the rear and at the sides of the buggy, and within eight feet of it. One of the party fired both barrels of a shot-gun, the charges taking effect in Hole-in-the-Day's head and neck. He never spoke, but, with a groan, fell from the buggy dead. Another of the party stepped up and discharged a load of shot through the prostrate form from side to side, in the region of the heart; while another stabbed it in the left breast. The body was then dragged to the side of the road, and after being robbed of hat, blanket, and a gold watch worth \$250, left there. The party then took the horse and buggy, with Ojibbeway, who had been made a temporary prisoner at the out-set, (and from whose lips Mr. Prescott obtained these facts,) and started for Hole-in-the-Day's house by a back way, so as not to expose themselves to the Agency. This was their first appearance at the chief's house. They told his wives that they had killed him, and that they intended taking what they wanted. Accordingly they supplied themselves with guns, saddles, shawls, blankets, &c. No violence was offered to any one except Hole-in-the-Day's white wife. One of the party stepped up to her, and laid his hand on her shoulder and said she must go with him. But Ojibbewa interfered, and said if they touched a white person they would call the wrath of all the whites upon them. This proved effectual, and, after taking another horse, the party decamped for Leech Lake, where their band is located.

There were no chiefs with the party, which was composed of worthless members of the Pillager Band. Various reasons are assigned for the murder, and it is impossible to tell which