

Point; Mound Fort, at Blue Mounds; and others at Wingville, Cassville, Platteville, Gratiot's Grove, Diamond Grove, Elk Grove, White Oak Springs, and Old Shullsburg, besides many others.

It was soon ascertained that the mode of warfare adopted by the Sauks was to keep the main body concealed in strongholds, and avoid a conflict with a superior force, while small detached parties should attack the undefended settlements, and any stragglers who could be found away from the protection of the forts and block-houses.

It is difficult to state definitely the number of names of the numerous persons whose lives were sacrificed to the ferocity of the savages.

On the 21st of May, about seventy Indians attacked a party of whites assembled in the house of Mr. Davis on Indian Creek, near Ottawa, and killed and scalped fifteen whites, and took two young women named Hall prisoners, who were afterwards surrendered at the Blue Mounds through the agency of a party of Winnebagoes who were inspired by a large reward of \$2,000, offered by General Atkinson, for their restoration.

These female captives were brought to the Mound Fort on the 3d of June. Col. Dodge, who had returned home only a day or two before, from his "talk" with the Indians on the 25th of May, had been sent for on the 1st of June, on account of an apprehended attack by the Indians. He immediately collected about two hundred mounted men, and was fortunately present with this force when the young women were brought in by the Winnebagoes, of whom there were about fifty, including such distinguished chiefs and braves as White Crow—a famous orator—Spotted Arm, Little Thunder, Little Priest and others. Col. Dodge purchased and furnished them a large beef stew, upon which they feasted sumptuously; furnished them with comfortable quarters in miners' cabins, and in all suitable ways sought to impress on these Winnebagoes that the whites had no other than friendly feelings towards them, and to inspire, if possible, a reciprocal feeling on their part. Their friendship for the Sauks and Foxes was well known, and suspicions and apprehensions of an alliance offensive and defensive between the two tribes had long been