

tives about fifteen miles north of Cassville, not far back from the Mississippi. There were only two men and a boy, three or four women, and as many children. The Menomonees killed the two men, and the others were taken prisoners.

On the 6th of June, James Aubrey was killed at the Blue Mounds, and two weeks later Force and Green lost their lives by the enemy at the same place. It is probable that Aubrey was murdered by the Winnebagoes, as there is no reason to suppose the Sauks and Foxes had been near the Blue Mounds as early as the time of his death, and the murder of Force and Green was more likely the work of the Winnebagoes than of the Sauks and Foxes.

On the 14th of June, five men whose names were Spafford, Spencer, McIlwain, Million, and an Englishman called John Bull, were at work in a cornfield owned by Spafford, situated on the Peckatonica near Spafford's Ford, in what is now the town of Wayne, when they were surprised by a band of Indians, and all except Million, who most miraculously escaped, were murdered. The Indians stealthily pursued their way to a place of concealment within four hundred yards of Fort Hamilton, at which place Capt. Gentry's command of mounted men had by order of Col. Dodge, rendezvoused for the purpose of pursuing and killing them. On the morning of the 16th, at about eight o'clock as Col. Dodge was approaching the fort to take command of the troops, he heard three guns fired, which proved to be from the hostile Indians, who were lying in ambush, and who killed, in his saddle, a German named Apple, who was preparing to join in the pursuit, and whom they butchered and scalped. Col. Dodge immediately ordered the mounted men under arms in pursuit of the savage foe. Fortunately they were enabled soon to come upon the Indian trail, and after running their horses about two miles they came in sight of the retreating enemy, who were seeking the low ground where it was difficult to pursue them on horseback. The Indians directed their course to a bend in the Peckatonica covered with a deep swamp, which they reached before their pursuers crossed the stream.

The following account of the action, which for daring bravery