

is now called Exeter; the next night at some point in the wilderness between Exeter and Rock River—apparently in the present township of Oregon—where White Crow and his party joined us. The next night we encamped on a sandy ridge, about twelve or fifteen miles in a westerly direction from Fort Atkinson; and the next day reached Gen. Atkinson's camp, where the fort named after him was located—this, according to Wakefield, was the 6th of July.

The commands of Gens. Henry and Alexander, and Col. Dodge, were now ordered to Fort Winnebago for a supply of provisions. The encampments on this route were not any notable localities, and I presume, are not material; and I may say the same of the return trip to the Rapids of Rock River, where we arrived the third day from Fort Winnebago. We now started in hot pursuit of Black Hawk and his band of fugitives. The first camp I need specify was that of July 20th, a quarter of a mile north of the northeast end of Monona (or Third) Lake, as already described; then we camped two nights on the Wisconsin Heights battle-ground. This is the extent of my personal knowledge of the matter.

I will close my paper with my estimate of the salient points of Gen. Dodge's character—particularly of his public career. Henry Dodge was no ordinary man, whether regarded as a citizen, a hero, or a statesman. But few men, in ancient or modern times, possessed these three prominent characteristics of the great man, more fully than did Gen. Dodge. As a citizen, he was just, kind and obliging. Discharging with promptness and fidelity all the obligations imposed upon him, either by the customs of society, or the laws of his country. He lawed not, he wrangled not with his neighbors; but lived in cordiality and friendship with them. In his disposition, he was kind-hearted and generous—in these respects he was not unlike the old "Hero of the Hermitage." Although he had a "bold and daring head," he had a kind and generous heart. In these respects, he, perhaps, was not always understood; some supposed, because he was a bold and daring man, he was harsh and cruel; but such was not the case. I knew him well, and in times of great excitement and perplexity, and never knew anything