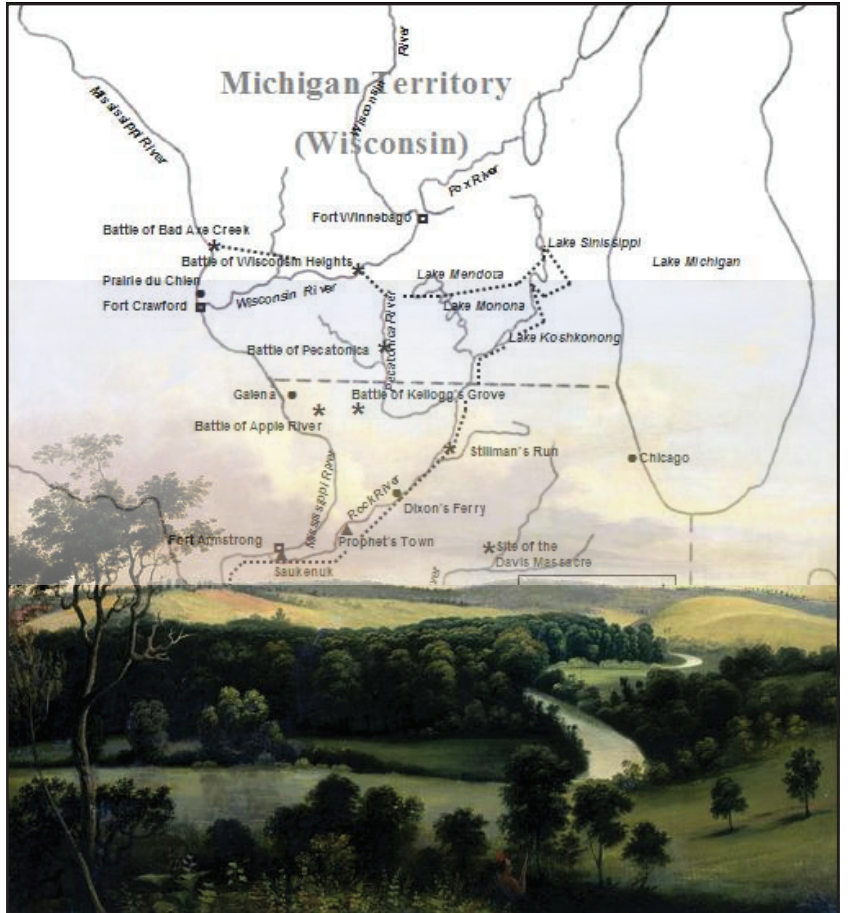


The Battle of Wisconsin Heights

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The Battle of Wisconsin Heights occurred on July 21, 1832. It was the most significant battle of the Black Hawk War, which occurred during the spring and summer of 1832 and constituted the last Indian war fought in Wisconsin and Illinois. The battle occurred by chance when militia forces under the command of Colonel Henry Dodge stumbled upon the path of the Sauk war leader Black Hawk, who was attempting to flee with about one thousand of his followers westward toward the Mississippi River and return to the lands of the Sauk and Mesquakie tribes. The militia forces under Dodge caught up with Black Hawk and his band at a point of high ground known today as Wisconsin Heights. Black Hawk fought a delaying action so his people could cross the Wisconsin River, and



while the militiamen under Dodge claimed victory, the battle actually resulted in something of a draw. Nevertheless, Black Hawk's band was already in great distress after three months of fighting, and in the next few weeks his band slowly began to disintegrate. Black Hawk and his people were completely defeated two weeks later at the Battle of Bad Axe along the Mississippi River.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH



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