

AN INCIDENT OF 1794.

“In 1794 the Indians renewed their depredations upon some of the border settlements.* A report having reached Andrew Allison, one evening, that enemies were in the vicinity, he took his family, consisting of his wife and one child, and fled to his nearest neighbor. Gawin Adams, who had come from Ireland, and located where John McHenry now lives (1859.)

Mrs. Adams was sick and confined to her bed. During the night the Indians kept them in constant terror, – one whistling on his rifle charger on one side of the cabin, and another answering in like manner on the other side. The inmates were on their feet all the night, the men having their rifles in their hands, ready to repel an attack, and the others being engaged in stopping up the cracks between the logs, so as to prevent the assailants from taking aim at any one inside.

Dreading a warm reception, the Indians kept at a respectful distance, and finally withdrew. In the morning, Adams and Allison yoked the oxen and placed Mrs. Adams, with her infant daughter (now, 1859, Mrs. George McCartney, of White township), on a sled, and then proceeded with their families to Moorhead’s Fort.

After remaining there several days, they returned to their farms, and Allison found his cabin and all the contents destroyed, the Indians having *fired* it the night he was at Adams’.”

* Jonathan Row in Indiana Register.