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HISTORY of this legend told where the original  
homes were of the Sac and Fox.  
What the prophet told the Sac and  
Fox tribe. What would become of  
them.

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The Sac and Fox tribe were at one time the largest  
tribe. Their original home was in the state of New York. On  
the coming of people from across the ocean soon started the  
movement of several of the tribes to the west. Sac and Fox  
were one of those tribes. After some crooked deal made at  
Manhattan Island by some of the Indian Chiefs of the Sac and Fox  
for several barrels of whiskey, the tribe were told to leave that  
they had sold their land to the white people. Manhattan Island  
belonged to the two tribes one which was known as the Sac tribe  
and the other the Fox tribe. These two tribes were always neigh-  
bors and when this crooked deal was made at Manhattan the two  
tribes combined into one tribe, better known now as the Sac and Fox.

After leaving the state of New York the Sac and Fox  
tribe came along the northeastern states and finally settled in  
Illinois.

The French Indian ware, killed off many of the tribe.  
Disease also killed many.

There was an Indian prophet among the tribe that  
fortold what would happen to the Sac and Fox. The prophet revealed

just before the Blackhawk war that the tribe were in grave danger and that they would still venture into the unknown west after the war, but soon separate into two bands. This was soon followed as the prophet had said. Blackhawk fighting for democracy for his people and Keokuk crossing the Mississippi river after continuous treaties he made with the on coming settlers. Chief Blackhawk and Chief Keokuk separated finally and it was what the prophet foretold.

In these prophecies, the tribe would soon turn south and keep heading their destination until they come to a river which would be Red in color.

There the tribe would make their final move. The times would come when everything will come to a change. Even the relatives will lose track of each other. The tribe will cease in membership. They will gradually die away until there is not a full Blood Sac and Fox left. The prophet was right, because from Illinois, the Sac and Fox went to the State of Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and now once and for all, into Oklahoma.

I am one of the few older order of the tribe still existing and I cling to my old Indian beliefs. All of my parents, brothers and sisters have passed to the great beyond. When I think of this origin of my tribe leaving Manhattan, the dying away of Indian people, the movement they made to the west and finally bringing themselves into Oklahoma, I often think of the tribal prophet.

When I think of river, "Deep Fork" must have been the river the prophet foretold. The river is reddish in color and the Sac and Fox has a reservation, had at one time, a school and Indian Agency.

Most of my tibe died away in Oklahoma, so their destination must have been along the red river, known to the Sac and Fox up-to-date- as Deep Fork river, because of its red color.

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