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RISING UP FROM INDIAN COUNTRY

The Battle of Fort Dearborn & the Birth of Chicago

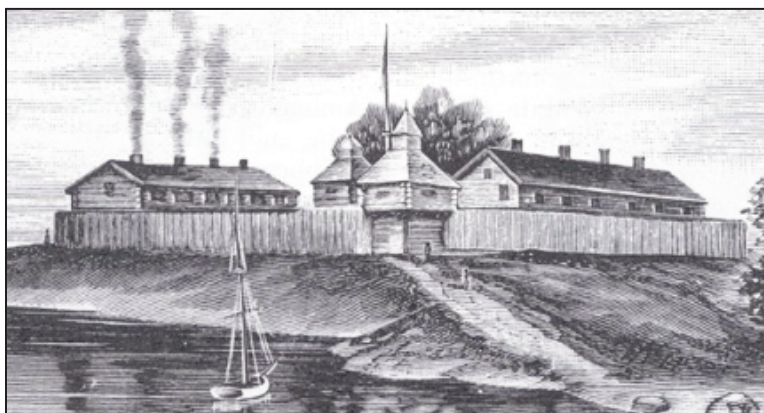
In August 1812, under threat from the Potawatomi, Captain Nathan Heald began the evacuation of 94 people from the isolated outpost of Fort Dearborn to Fort Wayne, hundreds of miles away. The group included several dozen soldiers, as well as nine women and 18 children. After traveling only a mile and a half, they were attacked by 500 Potawatomi warriors. In under an hour, 52 members of Heald's party were killed, and the rest were taken prisoner; the Potawatomi then burned Fort Dearborn before returning to their villages.

Dr. Keating situates this event within the context of several wider histories that span the nearly four decades between the 1795 Treaty of Greenville, in which Native Americans gave up a square mile at the mouth of the Chicago River, and the 1833 Treaty of Chicago, in which the American

government and the Potawatomi exchanged five million acres of land west of the Mississippi River for a tract of the same size in northeast Illinois and southeast Wisconsin. A story will be told not only of military conquest but of the lives of people on all sides of the conflict. She will highlight such figures as Jean Baptiste Point de Sable and John Kinzie and will demonstrate that early Chicago was a place of cross-cultural reliance among the French, the Americans, and the Native Americans.

Ann Keating, PhD, has focused much of her teaching on urban and suburban history and studies. She teaches

broadly in U.S. history as well as in the master's and honor's programs. Her most important contribution to scholarship has been as co-editor of the *Encyclopedia of Chicago* (Univ. of Chicago Press, 2004), a print and online project.



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