

Monumental Recognition

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Walked worn trail. Tree lined foot path overlook
 led toward ridge and gnarled edged rock.¹
 This ground 'we' natives scan viewing 'our' past
 savage battle² shimmers in Autumn
 heat. Is it Prophet's vision of³

Toils of agrarian community
 foregone, return to native instinct? —
 Predatory migration, or armed conflict:
 Early morning battle—field . . . decimation?

The unpassionate flare of aggression
 trampled his town⁴—north bank encampment.
 We post monumental reenactment:⁵

LOSS

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| American | Killed | 37 |
| | Wounded | 151 |

Indian loss unknown

and harvest corn fields. A mechanical drone,
 while wind thru aisles of hand cut stone
 markers, unsettles the cypress stand.

- 1 Prophet's Rock
- 2 The Battle of Tippecanoe
- 3 Prophet's vision to unite the Indian nation
and return to their native way of life
- 4 Prophet's Town
- 5 Sign on the Battlefield Monument