

Account of Michael Braumn
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Michael Braumn (father of Tecumsey Braumn, Miss Lizzie Braumn and Mrs. Victorine (Braumn) Horner, all yet living in Dunklin County) - was a married man living at the above mentioned place (Little Prairie) during the time of the earthquakes. In describing the catastrophe he stated that in one particular place on the Mississippi the earth rose like a great loaf of bread to the height of many feet, the uprising accompanied by a terrible rumbling noise. The swell finally burst with the most severe shocks of the period, and great quantities of sand, water and a black sulphurous vapor, was thrown out to nearly the height of an ordinary tree, completely darkening the atmosphere for some distance. When it was again light it was noticed that many acres of land had disappeared in the Mississippi, the current of which has retrograded for a short time. The rising motion and rumbling noise warned the inhabitants, and they fled in dismay, so that no lives were lost. Mr. Braumn's residence was about a half mile from the seeming center of this particular shock, and when it had subsided he placed his wife on a horse, walking in front himself, to search out a way over and between the deep fissures that had been made in the earth, and thus sought a quieter locality, as did the other inhabitants.

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