

that the French government was aware of silver ore existing in several places, and they name some of their ancestors who were sent to the Mississippi when these people were removed from the country, who were acquainted with the spots where it was to be met with. Many people attach credit to this story, but time alone must decide whether it be true or not.

The native animals are neither numerous nor troublesome. The following is a catalogue.

Grey Moose,	Weasel,	Red Squirrel,	Musquash,
Carraboo,	Martin,	Ground Squir-	Loup Cervier,
Bear,	Minx,	rel,	Rat,
Black Fox,	Otter,	Field Mouse,	Field Rat,
Red Fox,	Woodchuck,	House Mouse,	Porcupine,
Grey Fox,	Rabbit,	Black Mole,	Raccoon.
Lynx,	Flyingsquirrel	Beaver,	

The beaver is a valuable animal and is now becoming scarce from the constant warfare which the Indians wage against their whole tribe. There is something so uncommon in the manner of erecting their habitations, that although repeatedly described, perhaps some account of them will be acceptable. "Their houses are always situated in the water, sometimes they make use of a natural pond, but generally they choose to form one, by building a dam across some brook or rivulet. For this purpose they select a number of trees of soft wood, generally of less than six inches diameter, but sometimes of sixteen or eighteen inches. These they fell and divide into proper lengths, and place them in the water, so that the length of the sticks make the width of the dam. These sticks they lay in mud or clay, their tails serving them for trowels and their teeth for axes. These dams are six or eight feet thick at bottom, sloping on the side opposed to the stream, and are about a quarter as broad at top as at bottom. Near the top of the dam they have one or more waste ways, or sliding places to carry off the surplus water. The formation of their cabins is no less remarkable. They consist of two stories, one under the other, but both above water. They are shaped like the oval bee hive, and of a size proportioned to the number of inhabitants. The walls of the lower apartment, are two or three feet thick, formed like their dams, those of the upper story are thinner, and the whole on the