EVENTS: battles, deaths, injuries.

Cottonwood County Timeline:
c. 3000 - 1750 A.D.: Woodland and Mississippian Native Americans, and eventually the Dakota Sioux, occupy the County. Rock carvings made at the Jeffers Petroglyph site. (Now a Minnesota State Park).
c. 1655 - 1762: First Europeans arrive. The French explored and claimed Minnesota land. Trappers traveled throughout the County but did not establish permanent settlements.
1849: MN Territorial Government established.
1851: Treaties of Traverse des Sioux & Mendota opens the territory west of the Mississippi to settlers. Native Americans moved to reservations.
1857: Cottonwood County established. One white occupant, Charles Zierke, "Dutch Charlie".
1858: MN becomes the 32nd state.
1862: Dakota Conflict in response to broken treaties. All 12 white settlers leave county.
1871: Railroad reaches Cottonwood County. Rapid growth begins.

above material found at -http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mncotton/cchs.htm

HISTORIC PEOPLE CONNECTED TO CONFLICT
"Dutch Charlie"

RESOURCES
Books (see attached bibliography for titles)
DUV 146  Dutch Charlie (Charles Zierke) and family lived on what is now n.w.Cottonwood Co.  DU 146
Dutch Charlie's narrative, TDU 122-125

Articles
See Resource section: Book titles and Codes, Journal titles and Codes

Photos
Paintings, sketches, & murals

MONUMENTS & HISTORIC SITES

INTERPRETIVE CENTERS

CEMETERIES WITH GRAVESTONES OF PARTICIPANTS

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