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**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****WEBSITES**

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