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EVENTS: battles, deaths, injuries.

preconflict:

Many Indian mounds in Goodhue County, especially around present day Red Wing, along the Mississippi, Spring Creek and along the Cannon River, and by Welch indicate the presence of an ancient people. Numerous artifacts have been found nearby. Stone cairns offer additional evidence of early people. An old fortification named Fort Sweeney exists, whose history the author Franklyn Curtiss-Wedge was not sure of. History of Goodhue County, 20-35. Franklyn Curtiss-Wedge.

Red Wing's band had lived at or near present Red Wing for at least 200 years before the start of the US Dakota War. There were a succession of chiefs called Red Wing.

http://www.prairieisland.org/chief_red_wing.htm

Lt. Pike had met with Chief Red Wing in 1806, Major Long in 1823.

Missionaries came to Goodhue County in 1837: Daviel Gavin and Samuel Denton were sent by the missionary society of Basle, Switzerland and had located first at Trempeleau, then to Red Wing. Denton and his wife and Gavin and his wife built mission houses of logs on the east side of Bush street, between Third and Main Streets. They taught farming to the Dakota, corn and other vegetables. Rev. J.F. Aiton came in 1848, and J.W. Hancock in 1849, sent from the American Board for foreign Missions.

Redwing: Opening Minnesota Territory.

<http://www.goodhuehistory.mus.mn.us/GrandExcursionPartI.html>

Red Wing: The Red Wing Mdewakanton:

<http://www.goodhuehistory.mus.mn.us/RWExcursionPartII.html>

Redwing: Claiming Minnesota : <http://www.goodhuehistory.mus.mn.us/GrandExcursionPartIII..html>

http://www.prairieisland.org/chief_red_wing.htm

The settlers of Goodhue County were frightened by Inkpaduta's attack at Spirit Lake. Four men from Red Wing, Isaac Lалуver, W.W. DeKay, George Huntington, and a Mr. Patten went to Spirit Lake from Red Wing to bury the remains of the murdered victims and to look after the claim interests. The History of Goodhue County, Franklyn Curtiss-Wedge, p. 83.

During the Conflict: no battles were fought in Goodhue County, but many men from Goodhue County served in the military, most of whom were part of the Sibley or Sully Expeditions.

Events of the war were reported in the Goodhue County Weekly Republican.

August 20-September 26, 1862: battles and attacks on the prairies raged, while those at home dealt with uncertainty and fear, newspaper reports that were sometimes accurate and sometimes exaggerated, aiding refugees, and worries about their loved ones on the farms, in the towns and on the battlefields.

September 26, 1862: see **Camp Release; the state breathes a sigh of relief.**

Post conflict: as early as the late 1860s small groups of Dakota began returning to Minnesota, settling in places like Prairie Island.

By the early 1870's some Dakota people who returned or who had never left had formed communities at Grey Cloud Island. Roy Meyer, History of the Santee Sioux. The first Dakota to return to Prairie Island in the 1870s and 1880s were those connected to Cloudman's Lake Calhoun band.

(SOME) HISTORIC PEOPLE CONNECTED TO CONFLICT

Good Star Woman spent her last years with two daughters near Red Wing. Her historic narrative provides insight into the life of Dakota people living near Red Wing. She was interviewed by Frances Densmore, the American Ethnomusicologist. TDE, TT

RESOURCES

Books:

CM,DW, DU

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

History of Goodhue County--

http://www.archive.org/stream/historyofgoodhue00curt/historyofgoodhue00curt_djvu.txt

Articles

Photos

Paintings, sketches, & murals

MILITARY UNITS THAT SERVED IN THE US DAKOTA WAR

2nd MN. Volunteer Cavalry, Co. F; 3rd MN, Co. D and Co. E; 4th MN, Co. D; 5th MN, Co. D and Co. H; 6th MN, Co. F; 7th MN. Co. G; 8th MN.Co. F and Co.H; 10th MN Co. D.

McLaren, Robert N., resident of Goodhue County was Major of the Sixth Minnesota Regiment, marched with Sibley to St. Peter and on to Ft. Ridgely. His unit fought at Birch Coulee and Wood Lake. Later McLaren was with the Sibley expedition into Dakota Territory, and later was a commander of Ft. Snelling. DU.

The Goodhue County Rangers, a volunteer force from Goodhue served on the "frontier" during the US Dakota War of 1862.

<http://www.privateanthony.com/GoodhueRangers.html>

The Red Wing Cavalry, also known as Vanderberg's Red Wing Cavalry formed.

<http://www.privateanthony.com/RedWingCav.html>

Individuals who served in the U.S.Dakota War:

<http://www.privateanthony.com/GoodhueRangers.html>

Ira Edisson Eggleston, Co. D, Tenth Regiment.

<http://www.mattkimmel.com/web/index.php?siteid=222&pageid=1960>

individuals listed below from http://kathrynmn_1.tripod.com/veterans.htm

Bullis, T.R. (Mounted Rangers)

Davis, David (Goodhue County Ranger)

Peck, Elijah (7th Minn. Inf.died at New Ulm - bro. William died at Gettysburg)

Magee, Robert (Brackett's Battalion)

Phillips, Christie

CEMETERIES WITH GRAVESTONES OF PARTICIPANTS

Kenyon Cemetery: Justine Boelter, survivor of attack at Lower Agency, wandered in wilderness with her two young daughters for 9 weeks. <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSvcid=182561&GRid=58091672&>

PEOPLE OF NOTE

Artemas Ehnamani, born at Red Wing 1825. warrior, convert, pastor. Grandfather of Philip Frazier, who translated Joseph Renville's hymn *Lac qui Parle*, Many and Great O God, from Dakota to English. <http://www.usgennet.org/usa/ne/topic/religion/Congregl/congrNE/pages/ccne0270.htm>

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WEB CONTENT

Oral interview: Blanch Ruby White, <http://collections.mnhs.org/cms/display.php?irn=11008048>