EVENTS: battles, deaths, injuries.

Pre-conflict: 6 settlers were killed in 1857 as part of the Spirit Lake Massacre.

Aug. 20-22, 1862: Large scale attacks on settlements and individual homes. MH 1:69

Stockades were built at Heron Lake, Jackson, and Lake Little Spirit to protect settlers.

Nearby settlers at Spirit Lake, Iowa built a stockade around their courthouse. At Estherville, Iowa, a stockade named Fort Defiance was built but not completed until 1863. DU 184

August 24, 1862: A party of 50 Dakota led by White Lodge attacked families in a Norwegian settlement in Belmont Township; 12 white women, children and infants were killed. DU 184

Names of those killed: Johanes Axe, Lars Gjornevik, Mrs. Gjornevik, Ole Fohre, Mikkel Olson (Slaabaken) Anders Olson (sblaaken), Knud and Breta Midstad, Anna Langeland, her children Anna, Aagaata, Nickolai and Knud. DUV 98

Many settlers from Jackson County fled to Spirit Lake and Estherville, Iowa.

August 29, 1862: settlers from Jackson County sent letter to Governor Ramsey asking protection, stating that 4 people had been killed and 4-5 were missing. DUV 151 n248.

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.

Because of fear of further attacks, no new permanent settlers came to live in Jackson county until June 1864.

HISTORIC PEOPLE CONNECTED TO CONFLICT

MILITARY

Many men from Jackson County served in Brackett's Battalion per https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Brackett%27s_Battalion,_Minnesota_Cavalry

RESOURCES

Books See Resource section: Book titles and Codes, Journal titles and Codes
DU, DUV, DW

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Articles

Photos

Paintings, sketches, & murals
MONUMENTS & HISTORIC SITES
Jackson State Monument in Ashley Park     http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&CRid=2340687

INTERPRETIVE CENTERS

CEMETERIES WITH GRAVESTONES OF PARTICIPANTS
Ashley Park Cemetery in Jackson: the victims of Belmont Township
Riverside Cemetery, Des Moines twp., Jackson Co. MN. Julius Wheeler, who died at the age of 17 at Fort Abercrombie on August 6 1879 and was involved in the Indian Wars, per http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mnjackso/cemeteries/riversidecem.htm

WEBSITES
"Our History"     http://www.jacksonmn.com/historical.htm
Belmont Massacre TV documentary site     http://www.astrimyastri.com/projects.php

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