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**EVENTS: battles, deaths, injuries.****pre-conflict:**

The land that is now Meeker County had been a hunting ground for the Dakota, and they claimed the land up to the northern border of Meeker county; land to the north was claimed by the Chippewa.

The first white settlers came in 1855.

**AUGUST 17, 1862 MURDER OF FIVE SETTLERS AT ACTON IN MEEKER COUNTY**

The first attack considered the act that set off the US-Dakota War of 1862 occurred Aug. 17, 1862 when four Dakota warriors killed five whites at Acton. DU 159, DUV 12

Aug. 17, 1862 Dakota warriors from Shakopee's band, which was near the Redwood Agency, attacked the Robinson Jones farm at Acton. The farm was a combination of a wayside rest for travelers, a supply station, and a post office. On Aug. 18, 1862, settlers in the Manannah area started fleeing to Forest City seeking protection.

Aug. 26, 1862, four farmers from Manannah township, who had been at Forest City for protection, left and went back to their farms to check on supplies and animals, were attacked and killed.

Stockades were built at Pipe Lake, Forest City, Kingston, and Manannah. The stockade at Forest City was built Sept. 3, 1862 and housed hundreds of settlers, who were protected when the stockade was attacked on September 4.

**SEPTEMBER 3, 1862 SKIRMISH AT ACTON**

Sept. 3-4 A huge Dakota force, with Little Crow leading, attacked a barricaded settlement at Acton and at Forest City. DU 160.

Sept. 4, 1862. 40-50 Indians marched into Forest City and looted and burned most of the town. LC155. There was a stockade at Forest City, to which 200 refugees and 40 armed men. Walls went up in flames. 155.?? Called the "Big Woods" campaign.

Sept. 11: Sgt. William Edwards was shot and scalped near Kingston. DU 21

Sept. 22: Anders Olson Bakkedok (Anders Olson) was shot while going to his farm.

**Deaths:**

Aug. 17, 1862 at Acton: Robinson Jones, Ann Baker (Jones' wife), Viranus Webster, Howard Baker, Clara Wilson.

August 26, Phillip Deck, Linus Howe, Joseph Page, and Wilmot Maybee, killed in Manannah Twp. DUV 17

Sept. 4, 1862: Daniel A. Cross, and Caleb Sanborn, who left the Hutchinson stockade and went back to their homes to check on their crops and livestock, were attacked and killed near Cedar Lake, southern Meeker County.

Sept. 22, 1862, Anders Olson Bakkedok (Anders Olson),

**HISTORIC PEOPLE CONNECTED TO CONFLICT**

Little Crow

Capt. Richard Strout, commander of Company B of the Ninth Minnesota Regiment, led the forces at the Battle of Acton on Aug. 25, 1862.

**MILITARY UNITS THAT SERVED IN THE US DAKOTA WAR**

Men from Meeker County served in the 2nd MN Volunteer Cavalry, Co. D;  
[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/2nd\\_Regiment,\\_Minnesota\\_Cavalry](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/2nd_Regiment,_Minnesota_Cavalry)

**RESOURCES****Books (see attached bibliography for titles)**

DU section on Acton  
DII, DW, DUV, TDE, DU,

**See Resource section for Book titles and Codes, Journal titles and Codes**

**Articles**

MH 1,51-69,

Minnesota's Frontier: A Neglected Sector of the Civil War-

<http://collections.mnhs.org/MNHHistoryMagazine/articles/38/v38i06p274-286.pdf>

**NARRATIVES.**

Celia Campbell Stay, TDE 44-

Smith, Abner C. Wrote of the attack on Forest City. TDU 141

Adams, James, drummer boy in Capt. Richard Strought's Company B, 9th MN. Regiment, letter about attack at Acton. TDU

**Paintings, sketches, & murals**

drawing--Battle of Action. DU 161, DW 48

drawing--Forest City Stockade DU 45

**MONUMENTS & HISTORIC SITES**

Marker for the 4 killed at Manannah just southeast of the Manannah Cemetery

Marker for Daniel A. Cross and Caleb Sanborn. DUV 20

Marker for Anders (Bakkedok) Olson, 2 mi. sw. of the Ness Lutheran Church.

Marker for Little Crow's death: The marker which today is scarred with dents from modern bullets, is located one half mile south of Highway 15 on County Road 18 in Meeker County, MN. DUV 20

**INTERPRETIVE CENTERS**

<http://www.forestcitystockade.org/>

**CEMETERIES WITH GRAVESTONES OF PARTICIPANTS**

Manannah (Union Grove Community Cemetery): Phillip Deck, Linus Howe, Joseph Page, (all buried in the grave for Phillip Deck), Wilmot Maybee.

Ness Lutheran Church: Robinson Jones, Clara Wilson, Ann Baker Jones, Viranus Webster, Howard Baker, the five killed at the attack at Acton. The marker for their grave was the first one erected by the State of Minnesota to commemorate the victims of the conflict. DUV 13

Ness Lutheran Church: Anders Olson Bakkedok

**WEBSITES**

Meeker County Historical Museum and G.A.R. Hall

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