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EVENTS: battles, deaths, injuries.

pre-conflict: Ancient people lived along the Cannon River at least 12,000 years ago. About 1000 AD the Mississippian Culture was established along the Cannon. The Cannon served as a major highway connecting to the Mississippian native people used for traveling west to hunt buffalo.

Wapakute Indians lived in the area 1750-1850 along the Cannon River.

Facts from the Rice County Historical Society:

Rice County enjoyed a peaceful relationship with the Native Americans in the area. There were many stories of settlers and Native Americans helping each other.

In 1851 the treaty of the Mendota was signed. The Chief at that time was Heyeetchah Monamie or Red Legs. Several other Sioux Chiefs were also involved in signing the treaty including Gery Mane, Pay Day, Scarlet Armour, and Red Cloud. Alexander Faribault, his father, Jean Baptists and brothers Oliver and David interpreted for the Sioux. As a result of the treaty, the Wahpekute lost their rights to the land in Rice and Steele Counties and most of them were moved to reservations. A few remained on the land given to them by Alexander Faribault. The last of the Sioux were removed from Faribault in 1862 and transported to a reservation in Nebraska. The Sioux removed from Faribault coincided with the Great Sioux Uprising of 1862, when most Sioux were made to leave Minnesota. <http://www.co.rice.mn.us/uploadedcontent/forms/print3history.pdf>

During the conflict:

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 breathed a sigh of relief.**

Post-conflict:

Small bands of hostile Dakota operated in central Minnesota in the fall of 1862 and between the spring and fall of 1863. To prevent attacks the military stationed soldiers at various points on the Minnesota frontier. Curt Dahlin, Dakota Uprising Victims.

May 1863: when the Dakota prisoners were removed from Fort Snelling and sent down river, some 40 people, including Taopi, were allowed to move to Alexander Faribault's property. DII 70, 99.

HISTORIC PEOPLE CONNECTED TO RICE COUNTY AND THE US DAKOTA WAR OF 1862

Snana, friendly Dakota woman who rescued Mary Schmidt, lived in Rice County after leaving the internment at Ft. Snelling. TDE 141

McClure, Nancy Faribault Huggan: a woman of mixed blood who lived in many locations significant in the conflict, whose history was interwoven with the Conflict, lived for some years in Faribault.

Faribault, David

Faribault, Alexander

Taopi-head Dakota farmer at Redwood Agency, one of the friendly Indians, member of Peace Party, part of Dakota group who were not exiled but allowed to remain in Minnesota with Alexander Faribault, died in Rice Co.

Bishop Whipple: Episcopal priest, friend of the Dakota people and advocate for them before, during, and after the Dakota Conflict, conferred with President Lincoln about them, wrote letter to the press, ministered to the 38 condemned Dakota and to Dakota families interned at Fort Snelling.

<http://anglicanhistory.org/usa/whipple>, DW 71

People of note:

Frazer, Joseph P. (Jack), (Iron Face.) Mixed blood man from Red Wing band; a long time friend of Little Crow and Henry H. Sibley. He was present at the Lower Agency when it was attacked and witnessed some of the attacks at the Lower Agency.. Interned at Fort Snelling, later a courier and scout. Spent his last years at Faribault, is buried in Wheatland Township, Rice County. DU 61, LCSS Wells, James, fur trader of Frontenac, who moved to Rice County, Wells Township with his wife Jane, daughter of a Dakota chief. Wells was killed during the US Dakota Conflict in 1863.

http://www.florencetwp.org/Documents/FHPC/Historical_Time_Line_Whole.pdf

MILITARY UNITS FROM RICE COUNTY THAT SERVED IN THE US DAKOTA WAR

2nd MN Cavalry, Co. G, 3rd MN. Co H; 4th MN Co. I; 6th MN Co. C; 7th MN Co A; 8th MN Co.B; 10th MN Co. H.

http://www.ricecountyveterans.org/All_Veterans/Civil%20War

Note: see Section 5, this website, "Military units USDakotaWar.xls" for more information.

RESOURCES

Books (see attached bibliography for titles)

DII, DW, HHS, TDE, TDU

Articles

MN 1: Nancy McClure's story

Reminiscences by Thomas Watt of Northfield, who served in the conflict from age 18-21. MH 5:16 letter: Alexander Faribault, TDU 98, lists Indians at "his place", notes they were not involved in the Conflict.

See Resource section for 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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