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**EVENTS: battles, deaths, injuries.**

McLeod County was not the site of major battles, but many historic things took place in McLeod County. It was a place to which refugees fled for shelter, through which refugees and troops passed on their way back and forth between the Minnesota River Valley and Shakopee, Minneapolis, and St. Paul. Hutchinson was the object of an attack on September 3-4, 1862. Some settlers were killed by Dakota before and after the attack on the stockade.

Stockades were build in Hutchinson, Glencoe, and Brownton to protect the settlers.

Men from McLeod County served in the from 7th, 9th, 10th, and 11th MN Volunteers. A Hutchinson Guard was formed to protect the city.

August 18, 1862 After the attack at the Yellow Medicine Agency refugees fled to Hutchinson for safety; some were killed on the way there.

August 20, 1862. The rescue party from Yellow Medicine County, led by John Otherday, 62 people on wagons and in buggies, spent the night in Cedar City in Acoma Township at the home of Norwegian immigrant Charley Peterson. Stuart Garvie, a trader at the Upper Agency, who was gravely wounded in the attack at Yellow Medicine and being transported in the Otherday party, died in Cedar City at the home of Mr. Peck and his body was brought to Hutchinson the next day. His body was placed in the schoolhouse until a coffin could be made. DUV 75

Aug. 21, 1862 article in St. Paul Daily Press: "Several loads of the panic-stricken people of Carver and Sibley counties arrived in town last evening. They were all Germans, and principally women and children. It is impossible to believe the terror existing among these people. They said that St. Peter, Henderson, and Glencoe were burned, and 10,000 Indians were marching upon Carver and Chaska, and only six miles from those places. They had rode night and day, and were nearly jaded out."

August 22, 1862: Col. Sibley's forces, having come up the river by steamboat, split into two groups, with some marching through Glencoe on their way to St. Peter and another group, with Sibley among them, 225 men and wagons, went through Belle Plaine. HHS 173

Aug. 27, 1862: the stockade at Hutchinson was completed and was used as a shelter and hospital. DU 154

September 3, 1862: Capt. Richard Strout and his men retreated to Hutchinson after they were attacked at Acton. Their wounded were taken to the hotel. People in the area were warned, and they flocked to the Hutchinson stockade. DU 152

**SEPTEMBER 4, 1862 ATTACK ON HUTCHINSON STOCKADE**

Sept.4, 1862: A Dakota force attacked Hutchinson. They approached from the north and burned outlying buildings, but did not storm the stockade. Reinforcements from in the evening Glencoe and the Dakota left. There were some 300 people inside the stockade when the attack came. DU 152

Sept. 22, 1862: a small party of Dakota warriors attacked and killed the White family, who lived at Lake Addie near Brownton; killed were Samuel and Laura white, and their children Susan and Otis White. DUV 73

September 23, 1862: Daniel Cross of Acoma Township, Lt. Oliver Pierce, and Frank Jewett left the Hutchinson stockade and took a horse and wagon to look for Caleb Sanborn. They were attacked; Cross was killed by a gunshot, Pierce and Jewett escaped. The bodies of Cross and Sanborn were found later. DU 158

Sept. 25, 1862: A group of 12 mounted soldiers who were pursuing Indians rode 18 miles and captured a wagon with stolen items, guns, and blankets, brought in the bodies of Samuel and Laura White and their son Otis, [see Sept. 22, 1862, above] which the soldiers will bury. (letter W.R. Baxter, written at Glencoe. DU 75.)

August 20-September 26, 1862: battles and attacks on the prairies raged, while those at home dealt with uncertainty and fear, newspaper and in-person 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:

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.

#### **LITTLE CROW KILLED IN MC LEOD COUNTY JULY 3, 1863**

July 3, 1863: Little Crow, who had fled to the prairies in late September 1862 to escape Sibley's coming troops, returned to the area with a small party, including his son Wowinape and camped a few miles north of Hutchinson. His party had attacked and killed settler James McGannon who was traveling alone on the Kingston Road; his body was found on the north side of Union Lake between Wright and Meeker counties. . and was found with the coat of \_\_\_\_\_ who had been killed earlier.

#### **HISTORIC PEOPLE CONNECTED TO CONFLICT**

Little Crow: considered the main leader of the Dakota in the U.S. Dakota War of 1862, was killed near Hutchinson and his body brought into town. DU 269

Wowinape, a son of Little Crow, was with Little Crow when he was killed at Hutchinson. Wowinape later became a Christian, took the name Thomas Wakeman, and spent his last years in Flandreau, SD working on the project he originated, the Dakota Indian YMCA. DI 271

Capt. Richard Strout was in the Hutchinson stockade at the time of the attack, helped defend it. DU 156

Stephen R. Riggs: brought money to give needy families p. 210.

Martin McLeod, trader, scout

Albert Colgrave, soldier, scenic artist. Lived in Glencoe during the winter of 1862-63, working on sketches for a Harpers' Magazine article, died there at age 24. <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=48379113>

**PEOPLE OF NOTE:**

Harrington, Ellen, with towns women Mrs. Johan Ells and Mrs. Sarah Harrington urged men to sign up for the militia, and tended the wounds of the men brought in from Acton. DU 155

Harrington, Lewis, helped form the Hutchinson Guards, participated in building the stockade and defending the town. DU 156

Lamson, Nathan, a McLeod county resident who lived north of Hutchinson, and who had been active in the Hutchinson guards and who helped defend the town when Hutchinson was attacked, was out with his son Chauncey looking for some lost cattle. They came upon two Indians. Fearful because of recent attacks in the area by Dakotas, Nathan fired on the two Indians, one fired back and in the exchange of shots one of the Indians was killed. It turned out that the Indian who was killed was Little Crow. DU 269

William M. Pendergast: his home in Hutchinson was used to shelter some refugees, including members of the party of the 62 escorted from the Upper Agency by John Otherday. He helped defend the town. Later he was head of the Hutchinson schools. DU 157

John H. Stevens, initial organizer of a citizen defense militia at Glencoe

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

4th MN Co. B; 7th, 9th, 10th, and 11th MN Volunteers.

[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/McLeod\\_County,\\_Minnesota](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/McLeod_County,_Minnesota)

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

TT16

DU, DUV 73, TDE, TDU 145. M&I: 202.

DU-section on Hutchinson, with extensive information

**Articles**

MH 1:69

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

Going to school in the Hutchinson stockade:

[http://www.dakotavictims1862.com/Family\\_and\\_Friends\\_of\\_Dakota\\_Uprising/Descendants\\_Stories\\_of\\_Dakota\\_Uprising\\_Victims\\_files/The%20Johanna%20Hahn%20Rose%20Story%20.pdf](http://www.dakotavictims1862.com/Family_and_Friends_of_Dakota_Uprising/Descendants_Stories_of_Dakota_Uprising_Victims_files/The%20Johanna%20Hahn%20Rose%20Story%20.pdf)

Some reminiscences of life in the Hutchinson stockade as a five year old, and the scene when Little Crow's body was brought into Hutchinson <http://athrillingnarrative.com/2012/05/07/lamsons-daughter-tells-the-story-of-little-crows-death/>

SKETCHES OF THE HISTORY OF HUTCHINSON By Hon. William W. Pendergast

<http://files.usgwarchives.net/mn/mcleod/history/penderga.txt>

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

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

**NARRATIVES**

Wowinape, son of Little Crow, with Little Crow when he was killed: TDU 143

Letter, W.R. Baxter, Glencoe TDU 194

Jonathan C. Earle TDU 30

Rebecca MacAlmond diary, 1862 , Typed copy of a diary (Aug. 18-Sept. 24) of this Hutchinson, Minnesota resident, describing Dakota attacks on the city, erection of a fort, and the names of both refugees to the city and people in the area who were killed.

<http://www.worldcat.org/title/rebecca-macalmond-diary-1862/oclc/86147965>

<http://files.usgwarchives.net/mn/mcleod/history/penderga.txt>

**Photos**

**Paintings, sketches, & murals**

drawing: shooting of Little Crow DW 84  
stockade at Hutchinson DU 153

**MONUMENTS & HISTORIC SITES**

Historic marker for the Hutchinson stockade is located At the corner of Washington Ave E and Hassan St SE Hutchinson MN in a public park.

A marker for the White family is located at Brownton. DUV 75 has directions for finding the marker.

**INTERPRETIVE CENTERS**

**CEMETERIES WITH GRAVESTONES OF PARTICIPANTS**

Hutchinson, Oakland Cemetery: Stuart Garvie, Daniel A. Cross,  
Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Glencoe: Eilphalet W. Richardson, Glencoe resident killed\_\_\_\_DUV 83, Samuel, Laura, Susan M. and Otis White.

**WEBSITES**

<http://www.mcleodhistory.org/minnesotas-civil-war-u-s-dakota-conflict-of-1862/>  
McLeod County Historical Society  
<http://www.mcleodhistory.org/>  
380 School Road NW  
Hutchinson, MN 55350  
320) 587-2109 info@mcleodhistory.org

**WEB CONTENT**

Acoma Township Lost Towns: The Lost Town of Cedar City: <http://www.mcleodhistory.org/the-lost-town-of-cedar-city>  
<http://www.mcleodhistory.org/admission/county-wide-traveling-tours/>  
<http://usgwarchives.net/mn/mcleod/mcleod.html>  
<http://www.linkpendium.com/genealogy/USA/MN/McLeod/>  
<http://archive.org/details/minnesotacivil01minnrich>