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EVENTS: battles, deaths, injuries.

pre-conflict:

Dakota people had inhabited Waseca County. A reservation for the Winnebago Indians had been established in Blue Earth County; some of the reservation land in the northwestern corner of Waseca County in the present Alton and Freedom and part of Janesville townships.

during the conflict:

No battles or attacks took place in Waseca County. Men from Waseca County served in several military units that fought in the US Dakota War of 1862. See Military, below.

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 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.

The Winnebago people were forced to leave Minnesota, even though they had not participated in the conflict. They moved to South Dakota and Nebraska, as were many of the Dakota people.

Survivors rebuild their lives in Waseca County

The Everett family— William, Sr. and his daughter Abillian (Lillie), survived the Lake Shetek attacks to settle in Waseca, MN. (See story on page 4 of Waseca County newsletter below.)
from Waseca County Historical Society *History Notes*, Vol 34, No. 1, January 2012.

HISTORIC PEOPLE CONNECTED TO CONFLICT

William Everett and family: The Everett family was attacked at Lake Shetek: Mrs. Everett and two young son Willie and Charlie died. William recovered mostly, was able to get Lillie back (the Fool Soldiers story) and return to Wisconsin. He married again and resettled in Waseca, MN, where he and his eventual sons, Edward A. and Guy, built the EACO Flour Mills. They provided employment for several hundred people, became wealthy themselves and built some of the most beautiful homes in the East Elm district of Waseca during the 1890s.

MILITARY UNITS THAT SERVED IN THE US DAKOTA WAR

4th MN, Co. I; Company C fought at Fort Ridgely, Company D and Company G served on the expeditionary forces in Dakota Territory; 5th MN, Co. F; 10th MN, Co. F;
https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/5th_Regiment,_Minnesota_Infantry

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

RESOURCES

Books (see attached bibliography for titles)

DW, DU

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

Articles

"Removing the Winnebago: A Tale of Frontier Journalism" MH 3:o64

Survivors of the Dakota Uprising Begin Life in Waseca

<http://www.historical.waseca.mn.us/newsletters/2012/2012%20Vol34%20Issue1.pdf>

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

Exhibits

1862 Dakota War and Waseca County. Exhibit at Waseca County Historical Society. Summer 2012.

Photos

Paintings, sketches, & murals

MONUMENTS & HISTORIC SITES

INTERPRETIVE CENTERS

CEMETERIES WITH GRAVESTONES OF PARTICIPANTS

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