STUDY RESOURCE GUIDE US-DAKOTA WAR OF 1862

STEELE COUNTY

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EVENTS: battles, deaths, injuries.

100 volunteers from Steele County became Company A, and were sent to the Minnesota frontier to protect the settlers. They served Garden City area south of Mankato, remaining there through the fall and winter of 1862. A few died there of non-war related causes. A number of men from Steele County served on the Sully and Sibley Expeditions. (Barry Adams, Steele co. Hist. Soc.)

During the conflict:

August 20-September 26, 1862: battles and attacks on the prairies raged, while those in non-battle areas 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, <u>Dakota Uprising Victims</u>.

A number of men from Steele County served in the Sibley and Sully expeditions, so some Steele County families would have had the ongoing concern for their soldiers.

HISTORIC PEOPLE CONNECTED TO CONFLICT

MILITARY UNITS WITH MEN FROM STEELE COUNTY THAT SERVED IN THE US DAKOTA CONFLICT

2nd MN. Volunteer Cavalry, Co. C;10th Regiment Minnesota. Co A.3rd Regiment, Co. F.https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Steele_County,_Minnesota#MilitaryNote: see Section 5, this website, "Military units: USDakotaWar" for more information.

RESOURCES

Books (see attached bibliography for titles) DW DWUsa See Resource section for Book titles and Codes, Journal titles and Codes

Articles Photos Paintings, sketches, & murals

MONUMENTS & HISTORIC SITES INTERPRETIVE CENTERS CEMETERIES WITH GRAVESTONES OF PARTICIPANTS

Forest Hill Cemetery, Owatonna: graves of W.W. Wilkens (Wallace Wilkins?) and S.E. Tuthill who fought at the Battle of Birch Coulee.

WEB CONTENT

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