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EVENTS: battles, deaths, injuries.

No battles of the U.S. Dakota War of 1862 were fought in Winona County.

A very large number of men from Winona County served in the military during the Civil War, some of whom were sent to fight in the "Indian wars".

The names of individual soldiers can be found on the online version of the History of Winona County, published 1883 by H.H. Hill &

Co.http://ia700202.us.archive.org/2/items/historyofwinonac00hill/historyofwinonac00hill_djvu.txt See Chapter LXI, Military, pp. 921-930.

HISTORIC PEOPLE CONNECTED TO CONFLICT

Joseph Wabasha (Wabasha III) was born near Winona about 1800. He encouraged his people to become farmers and Christians. He was a rival of Little Crow's for leadership of the tribe. He was elevated to chief of the Mdewakantans (all of them?) in 1836. He opposed the Treaty of Mendota of 1851 and was opposed to, but signed, the Treaty of 1858. He moved to the Lower Sioux Reservation in 1853. He opposed the war and was an organizer of the Peace Party.

Jedediah Stevens had a mission site near Winona. Stevens had an earlier site in Hennepin County.

There were probably a number of military or political people who should be mentioned, but they are not known to this compiler. A project waiting to be done by local historians.

MILITARY UNITS THAT SERVED IN THE US DAKOTA WAR

2nd MN volunteer Cavalry, Co. G and Co. I and Co. L; 3rd MN., Co. K; 7th MN. Co. B. and Co. D; 9th MN Co. K.

Winona County men served in the mounted rangers, sharpshooters, Hatch's Cavalry Battalion, 8th Infantry, per the 1883 history.

Killed in the battle of Birch Coulee: Pvt. Chauncey King, died September 2, 1862. His body is buried on his father's farm in Homer Township.

Benjamin H. Randall, who died in Winona in 1913, had been the sutler at Fort Ridgely, and was present during the attack on Fort Ridgely of August 22, 1862, giving aid to the defenders of the fort. His wife Willhelmina Randall was also there. Randall was quoted in the March 5, 1892 issue of the Winona Daily Republican. TDU 81.

RESOURCES

Books (see attached bibliography for titles)

DII: 99, 102. TDE TDU

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

Articles

" A Frontier Fort in Peacetime", reprint from the Winona Republican, 1892. http://collections.mnhs.org/MNHistoryMagazine/articles/45/v45i03p116-128.pdf

Photos

A photo of Company G, Ninth Minnesota Regiment, taken by Hoard and Tennery of Winona, may show some men from Winona County. Company G of the Ninth Minnesota Regiment was formed in the St. Coud area by Lt. Theodore Barrett. The known connection is the photo taken by the Winona photographers.

Paintings, sketches, & murals

MONUMENTS & HISTORIC SITES

INTERPRETIVE CENTERS

CEMETERIES WITH GRAVESTONES OF PARTICIPANTS

WEBSITES

Winona County Historical Society 160 Johnson Street, Winona, MN 55987 (507) 454-2723 wchs@luminet.net Executive Director: Mark Peterson www.winonahistory.org

Civil War Display
Commemoration of US Dakota War of 1862 Sept.14-28

Local Historical Organization: Minnesota City Historical Association