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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

In 1862, Minnesota was still a young state, part of a frontier inhabited by more than one million Indians. Times were hard and Indian families hungry. When the U.S. government broke its promises, some of the Dakota Indians went to war against the white settlers. Many Dakota did not join in, choosing to aid and protect settlers instead. The fighting lasted six weeks and many people on both sides were killed or fled Minnesota. Former Minnesota Governor Henry Sibley led an expedition of soldiers and Dakota scouts against the Dakota warriors. The war ended on December 26, 1862, when thirty-eight Dakota Indians were hanged in Mankato in the largest mass execution in U.S. history. Afterwards the government forced most of the remaining Dakota to leave Minnesota. For white Minnesotans, their experience of blood and terror negated all promises they had made to the Dakota.

This compilation comprises a variety of small collections of letters, reminiscences, reports, diaries, and related materials dealing with Minnesota's Dakota Conflict and related activities of 1862-1865. They primarily detail the personal experiences of both white and Indian participants or witnesses, including raids and killings, construction of fortifications, hostages' experiences, the mass execution at Mankato, and the subsequent Sibley and Sully punitive expeditions into western Minnesota and Dakota Territory.





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# REEL INDEX

## Reel 1

### “Anderson”–“Grose”

*Frame No.*

- 0001 **Anderson, Joseph. Reminiscence and Report on the Battle of Birch Coulee, 1862. 1894.** 27 frames.  
Captain Anderson's report of the actions of his men, Company A of the “Cullen Frontier Guards,” September 4, 1862, and his reminiscence of the battle, August 4, 1894. With cover letter from his daughter, Anne C., to Jared W. Daniels, Faribault, Minnesota, August 13, 1894.  
*Major Topics:* Birch Coulee, Battle of; Daniels, Jared Waldo; Cullen Frontier Guards (cavalry).
- 0028 **Anonymous. Diary of Sibley Expedition. [June 16–August 27,] 1863.** 13 frames.  
Diary kept by an unidentified soldier in the 7th Minnesota Infantry while on march with the Sibley Expedition through western Minnesota and the Dakota Territory as far west as the Missouri River. It reviews miles covered daily, geographic features, campsites, and skirmishes with the Dakota Indians.  
*Major Topics:* Sibley Expedition, 1863; 7th Minnesota Infantry Regiment.
- 0041 **Armsby, Lauren. Report of the Chaplain of the 8th Regiment, Minnesota Volunteers, for the Month of May, 1864. June 3, 1864.** 5 frames.  
Report on the regiment's moral condition and the character of its members, submitted from a camp near Fort Ridgely. Accompanied by cover letters from Mrs. E. L. Armsby to J. C. Cooper, Northfield, Minnesota, September 29, 1909, and Cooper to D. L. Kingsbury, October 4, 1909.  
*Major Topics:* Chaplains; Fort Ridgely, Minnesota; Kingsbury, David Lansing; 8th Minnesota Infantry Regiment.
- 0046 **Atkinson, James Benton. Diary. [June 2–September 26,] 1864.** 9 frames.  
Typed copy of Atkinson's diary kept while a scout with the 2nd Minnesota Brigade on Sully's Expedition. It describes their march, particularly geographic features, skirmishes with the Dakota, campsites, and buffalo hunts.  
*Major Topics:* Dakota Territory; Scouts and scouting; Sully Expeditions, 1863–1865.
- 0055 **Bennett, Charles Ashley. Diary, [April 5–October 8,] 1865.** 15 frames.  
Diary kept while on march with Brackett's Battalion through southern Minnesota, Iowa, and Dakota Territory, April 5–October 8, 1865.  
*Major Topics:* Brackett's Battalion; Minnesota; Iowa; Dakota Territory.
- 0070 **Bertram, A. H. Reminiscence and Incidents of Company E, 8th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. December 7, 1878.** 10 frames.  
Written in poetic verse, the manuscript details Bertram's experiences from enlistment through service on Sully's Expedition.  
*Major Topics:* Sully Expeditions, 1863–1865; 8th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company E.

- 0080 **Blanchard, Dick E. Reminiscence. July 5, 1933.** 12 frames.  
Describes experiences in Monticello, Minnesota, during the Dakota Conflict.  
*Major Topic:* Monticello, Minnesota.
- 0092 **Borer, Felix Adolphus. Letter. June 4, 1863.** 5 frames.  
Letter to his wife, Laura, from Camp Pope, Minnesota, describing his service in the 7th Minnesota Infantry, Company K, during the Dakota Conflict.  
*Major Topics:* Camp Pope, Minnesota; 7th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company K.
- 0097 **Borer, Felix Adolphus. Military Commissions. [August 21,] 1862–[February 24,] 1863.** 4 frames.  
Commissions as second lieutenant and first lieutenant, 7th Minnesota Infantry, Company K.  
*Major Topics:* Military commissions; 7th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company K.
- 0101 **Brack, Christiana Hudson. Reminiscence. September 4, 1933.** 3 frames.  
Mrs. David D. Brack recounts her flight from South Bend toward New Ulm, Minnesota; return to South Bend after sighting fires at New Ulm; and various experiences during the remainder of the Dakota Conflict of 1862.  
*Major Topic:* South Bend, Minnesota.
- 0104 **Branham, Jesse Vawler (Rodange, Peter, Mrs.). A Midnight Ride and a Battle with Sioux Indians in Meeker County. 1933.** 3 frames.  
Jesse Branham's daughter describes his family's flight from their Meeker County farm to Forest City, Minnesota; his midnight ride to warn troops at Acton of an impending Dakota Indian attack; and his injury while leading sixty men to the aid of Hutchinson, Minnesota, during the Dakota Conflict of 1862.  
*Major Topics:* Branham, Jesse Vawler; Forest City, Minnesota; Hutchinson, Minnesota; Meeker County, Minnesota.
- 0107 **Brown, Joseph R. (Allanson, George Gray). Biographical Data on Joseph R. Brown. Undated and 1933.** 13 frames.  
Allanson's pamphlet, *Stirring Adventures of the Jos. R. Brown family: Description of the Old Manse near Sacred Heart, Minnesota, and Events After Its Destruction*, undated, as published in the *Sacred Heart News*, Sacred Heart, Minnesota. It is accompanied by a cover letter submitting it to a Minnesota Tourism Bureau contest on the Dakota Conflict of 1862, 1933, and a typewritten article on Standing Buffalo, a friendly Dakota Indian.  
*Major Topics:* Brown, Joseph Renshaw; Sacred Heart, Minnesota; Standing Buffalo.
- 0120 **Brunson, Ben. W. (Benjamin Wetherill). Reminiscence. Undated.** 12 frames.  
Typescript reminiscence details his service as major in Company K, 8th Minnesota Infantry, including a detail to the Otter Tail City, Minnesota, land office; service at Fort Ripley and on Sully's 1864 expedition during the Dakota Conflict; and Civil War action.  
*Major Topics:* Fort Ripley, Minnesota; Land office, Otter Tail City, Minnesota; Sully Expeditions, 1863–1865; 8th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company K.

- 0132 **Busch, John. Letter. June 9, 1864.** 5 frames.  
Written to his parents from Camp Wood Lake, Minnesota, describing his service with the 8th Minnesota Infantry, Company K, particularly travel from Fort Ridgely to Wood Lake and camp life.  
*Major Topics:* Fort Ridgely, Minnesota; 8th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company K.
- 0137 **Busse, Minnie Wilhelmina (Satterlee, Marion P.). The Story of Minnie (Wilhelmina) Busse. 1933.** 2 frames.  
Description of the Dakota Indians' capture of Busse and two siblings at Middle Creek (near Redwood Falls, Minnesota) during the Dakota Conflict, the death of their parents and two infant siblings, experiences in the Dakota camp, and release at Camp Release.  
*Major Topics:* Busse, Wilhelmina; Camp Release, Minnesota; Hostages; Middle Creek, Minnesota.
- 0139 **Carver, Henry Ladd. Letter. July 15, 1863.** 7 frames.  
Written to his wife in Livingston, New York, while on the Sibley Expedition during the Dakota Conflict, particularly near camps Smith and Atkinson, Dakota Territory.  
*Major Topics:* Dakota Territory—description and travel; Sibley Expedition, 1863.
- 0146 **Champlin, Ezra T. My recollections [sic] of the Battle of Wood Lake and the Part Taken in It by the 3rd Regt., Minnesota Vol. Inf'ty, Sept. 23, 1862. September 1, 1886.** 8 frames.  
Handwritten reminiscence detailing the regiment's actions during the battle. Read by Champlin, who served in Company D, at the regiment's 1886 reunion.  
*Major Topics:* 3rd Minnesota Infantry Regiment; Wood Lake, Battle of, 1862.
- 0154 **Collins, Loren Warren. Memorandum of Sibley's Expedition. 1863.** 52 frames.  
Diary (June 16–September 11, 1863) kept by Collins while on march with the Sibley Expedition as part of the 7th Minnesota Infantry, Company F, during the Dakota Conflict. Details his daily experiences.  
*Major Topics:* Sibley Expedition, 1863; 7th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company F.
- 0206 **Collins, Loren Warren. Sketch of Sibley's Expedition of 1863. April 4, 1888.** 31 frames.  
Speech given before the Minnesota Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.  
*Major Topics:* Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Minnesota Commandery; Sibley Expedition, 1863.
- 0237 **Cornwall, Dan. The Indian Murders of 62 in Blue Earth County, Minnesota. 1933.** 4 frames.  
Article submitted for a Minnesota Tourism Bureau contest in 1933.  
*Major Topic:* Blue Earth County, Minnesota.
- 0241 **Cox, E. St. Julien (Eugene St. Julien). General Order No. 1, Headquarters, Madelia Indian Expedition. September 16, 1862.** 2 frames.  
Proclaims a state of martial law in Madelia, Minnesota, for the purpose of erecting a fortification during the Dakota Conflict, and lists the names of the men who are to report for work. Cox was the expedition's captain and commander.  
*Major Topics:* Madelia, Minnesota; Madelia Indian Expedition.

- 0243 **Crooks, George W. Reminiscence. 1937.** 6 frames.  
Typed carbon copy of a reminiscent account of the Dakota Conflict by Crooks, a Dakota Indian who lived near Redwood Falls, Minnesota.  
*Major Topic:* Redwood Falls, Minnesota.
- 0249 **Crowell, Mary. Letter. September 14, 1862.** 3 frames.  
Handwritten copy of a letter written to a friend from Anoka, Minnesota, describing Dakota Conflict events throughout the state and expressing fears of the Ojibwa joining the Dakota.  
*Major Topics:* Anoka, Minnesota; Ojibwa Indians.
- 0252 **Culver, Norman K. List of Persons Who Sought Refuge at Fort Ridgely on the Outbreak of the Indian War. 1862.** 4 frames.  
The 238 typed entries list name, age, place of birth, residence, and remarks. Culver was a member of the 5th Minnesota Infantry, Company A.  
*Major Topic:* Fort Ridgely, Minnesota.
- 0256 **Currie, Neil. Information on Victims of the Lake Shetek Massacre Obtained by Correspondence and Personal Testimony. 1894 and 1946.** 39 frames.  
Typescript compilation of information supplied by survivors of the Murray County massacre during the Dakota Conflict: Lillian Everett, Charles D. Hatch, William J. Duley, Maria Koch, Aaron Myers, Thomas Ireland, and Ellen Nellie Hotaling.  
*Major Topics:* Duley, William J.; Hatch, Charles D.; Hotaling, Ellen Nellie; Ireland, Thomas; Koch, Maria; Lake Shetek, Minnesota; Murray County, Minnesota; Myers, Aaron.
- 0295 **Currier, Electa. Letter. September 12, 1862.** 3 frames.  
Typed copy of a letter to her brother-in-law, Henry Currier, from Eden Prairie (Minnesota), describing the family's flight from their home in Grandby Township and reporting atrocities committed in the area during the Dakota Conflict.  
*Major Topic:* Grandby Township, Minnesota.
- 0298 **Dearborn, Alva. Sibley's Expedition against the Sioux Indians. August 1, 1863.** 7 frames.  
Original and photocopy of a map of the expedition's route, with table of distances traveled and camp names. Kept by Dearborn while serving in the 7th Minnesota Infantry, Company B.  
*Major Topic:* Sibley Expedition, 1863.
- 0305 **Donaldson, James H. Abstract of Provisions Issued to the Minnesota Volunteers Stationed at Fort Ripley, Minnesota. January 1862.** 3 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Fort Ripley, Minnesota; 4th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company C; Supplies and stores.
- 0308 **Dugas, Charles F. Letters. 1864.** 13 frames.  
Photocopies of three letters (June 3, July 1, September 10) written to his parents while serving as a scout with Sully's Expedition in Dakota Territory.  
*Major Topic:* Sully Expeditions, 1863-1865.

- 0321 **Duley, William J. Notes on Sioux Massacre of 1862. 1885.** 5 frames.  
Typed copy of notes by Duley, a survivor of the Lake Shetek massacre. Includes a letter and notes on a monument for the Lake Shetek victims, including a list of those buried at the site, and comments on his experience as the person who cut the rope at the hanging of the Dakota convicted of murder following the Dakota Conflict.  
*Major Topics:* Execution of Dakota Indians at Mankato, Minnesota, 1862; Lake Shetek, Minnesota.
- 0326 **Dustin, Jeannette and Family (Elmen, Paul H.). Tomahawks Are Red. 1933 and Undated.**  
10 frames.  
Details the deaths (June 29, 1863) of Jeanette Dustin; her son, Amos; and his son, Robert, and the escape of Amos's wife, Kate, and two children while en route from Marysville to Moors Prairie, Minnesota, during the Dakota Conflict. Also includes an anonymous handwritten version of the massacre.  
*Major Topics:* Dustin, Jeanette; Moors Prairie, Minnesota.
- 0336 **Earle, Ezmon W. Reminiscences. 1907.** 47 frames.  
Two accounts of his family's flight from their Renville County farm and his participation in the battles at Fort Ridgely and Birch Coulee as a member of the Cullen Frontier Guards during the Dakota Conflict. Also gives data on the settlers in the Beaver Creek area just before the conflict.  
*Major Topics:* Birch Coulee, Battle of; Fort Ridgely, Minnesota; Cullen Frontier Guards (cavalry); Renville County, Minnesota.
- 0383 **Eastlick, L. (Lavina), 1833–1923. The Lake Shetek Indian Massacre in 1862. 1890.**  
15 frames.  
In this typescript, Mrs. John Eastlick recounts in great detail the Lake Shetek massacre, including witnessing the deaths of her husband and several of her children; her escape; the recovery of her son, Morton, an eleven-year-old boy who had carried his young brother fifty miles to safety; the survivors' escort by soldiers to Mankato; and subsequent events in her life. She also discusses the escape of Mariah Koch.  
*Major Topics:* Eastlick, Morton; Koch, Mariah; Lake Shetek, Minnesota.
- 0398 **Eastman, E. M. Letter. June 18, 1923.** 2 frames.  
Typed letter to the Minnesota Historical Society, describing experiences at the Yellow Medicine Indian Agency during the outbreak of the Dakota Conflict.  
*Major Topic:* Yellow Medicine Indian Agency.
- 0400 **First National Bank of Willmar, Minnesota. Historical Tour of Sites Figuring in the Sioux Uprising in and Near Kandiyohi County. 1962.** 3 frames.  
Photocopy of an automobile tour guide compiled for the Dakota Conflict centennial, comprising a map of the sites and a short sketch of each site's significance.  
*Major Topic:* Kandiyohi County, Minnesota.
- 0403 **Flandrau, Charles E. Letter. September 20, 1897.** 3 frames.  
Typed letter to E. M. Tebbets, New York City, from St. Paul, Minnesota, with reference to the condition of the missions in and about the Redwood and Yellow Medicine Indian agencies at the time of the Dakota Conflict.  
*Major Topics:* Dakota Indian Missions; Redwood Indian Agency; Tebbets, E. M.; Yellow Medicine Indian Agency.

- 0406 **Flandrau, Charles E. The Indian War of 1862 in Minnesota. ca. 1889.** 52 frames.  
Handwritten account of the Dakota Conflict, written under the legislative act (April 16, 1889) that provided for the preparation and publication of a history of Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars.  
*Major Topic:* Dakota War, 1862, history.
- 0458 **Fogg, C. W. Letter. December 7, 1883.** 6 frames.  
To the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* from C. W. Fogg of Chicago, describing Sully's Expedition and the battle of White Stone Hills, September 3, 1863.  
*Major Topics:* Sully Expeditions, 1863–1865; Battle of Whitestone Hill, North Dakota, 1863.
- 0464 **Fryer, Edwin L. Reminiscence. Undated.** 3 frames.  
Typescript reminiscence of Fryer, regimental quartermaster clerk of the 6th Minnesota Infantry, Company G, during the Dakota Conflict. It primarily discusses a battle of September 21, 1862.  
*Major Topic:* 6th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company G.
- 0467 **Fullerton, William. Letter. ca. 1888.** 7 frames.  
Fullerton, of Central City, Colorado, writes to Thomas J. Little, Perley, Wisconsin, giving an account of the experiences of five members of Company A, Hatch's Battalion, who were caught in a blizzard while delivering goods from Fort Abercrombie to Fort Wadsworth, Dakota Territory, in the winter of 1864. The letter is unsigned, but internal evidence indicates that it was written by Fullerton, a member of the group.  
*Major Topics:* Fort Abercrombie, North Dakota; Fort Sisseton, South Dakota; Little, Thomas J.; Hatch's Independent Battalion of Cavalry, Company A.
- 0474 **Gauthier, Frank N. Note. December 15, 1862.** 3 frames.  
From Gauthier, of Captain Mark Hendrick's Battery of Light Artillery, to General Henry H. Sibley, offering his services to hang the Dakota Indians convicted of murder following the Dakota Conflict.  
*Major Topics:* Execution of Dakota Indians at Mankato, Minnesota, 1862; Sibley, Henry Hastings; Minnesota Light Artillery, Hendrick's Battery.
- 0477 **Gervais, Isaiah (Gervais, Harry L.). Letter. April 1, 1927.** 5 frames.  
To Walter E. Spokesfield, of Jamestown, North Dakota, describing his grandfather Isaiah Gervais's 1862 journey as a government scout from Fort Abercrombie to St. Paul to secure reinforcements.  
*Major Topics:* Fort Abercrombie, North Dakota; Scouts and scouting.
- 0482 **Gleason, George (Meagher, John Ford). John Ford Meagher Letter. December 26, 1887.** 6 frames.  
To the Minnesota Historical Society, regarding the murder of George Gleason, clerk to the Dakota agent at the Redwood and Yellow Medicine Indian agencies, during the Dakota Conflict, and the hanging of his murderer, Chaska Don (Chaskay-etay), at Mankato, December 26, 1862.  
*Major Topics:* Chaska Don; Execution of Dakota Indians at Mankato, Minnesota, 1862; Redwood Indian Agency; Yellow Medicine Indian Agency.
- 0488 **Gluth, August (West, Harry B). A Lad's Version of Chief Little Crow. July 29, 1933.** 7 frames.  
Recounts the capture of August Gluth, a twelve-year-old boy from Milford Township, Minnesota, while herding cattle near Beaver Falls, and his experiences in Little Crow's camp during the Dakota Conflict.  
*Major Topics:* Milford Township, Minnesota; Hostages; Little Crow.
- 0495 **Godfrey, Joseph (Atokte) (Paine, Clarence S.). Biographical Data. 1907.** 2 frames.



Typescript notes on the life of Godfrey, a former slave married to a Dakota woman who was convicted of murder for his role in the Dakota Conflict, but whose sentence was commuted by turning state's evidence. Includes a statement of the murder charges and a list of witnesses.

*Major Topics:* African Americans; Atokte.

- 0497 **Goodell, B. H. Personal Recollections of the Sioux Massacre of 1862, Fort Ridgely, Birch Coulee [sic], etc. April 10, 1895.** 54 frames.

Recounts his service with the Renville Rangers during the siege of Fort Ripley and with Colonel Sam McPhail on the detail to recover the dead at Birch Coulee during the Dakota Conflict.

*Major Topics:* Birch Coulee, Battle of, 1862; Fort Ridgely, Minnesota; Renville Rangers (cavalry).

- 0551 **Greenleaf, Moses. Biographical Data, 1862–1865.** 25 frames.

Eight letters (October 15, 1862–June 28, 1863) from Greenleaf at Fort Ridgely to his family in Scott County, Minnesota, describe life in the 9th Minnesota Infantry, Company I, particularly everyday camp activities, illnesses and death among the troops, and courts martial. Also included are a letter from his sister, Clara Greenleaf of Shakopee, Minnesota, and his commission as captain of Company I.

*Major Topics:* Fort Ridgely, Minnesota; 9th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company I; Scott County, Minnesota.

- 0576 **Griswold, Franklin Clinton. Biographical Data. 1860–1921.** 40 frames.

Nine letters from Griswold to various family members describe his move to Minnesota and his service in the Cullen Frontier Guards, the 1st Regiment Mounted Rangers, and the 2d Regiment Minnesota Cavalry, Company M, during the Dakota Conflict, especially at the Yellow Medicine Agency, on the Sibley Expedition, 1863, and at Princeton Station, Minnesota. Also included is a letter to Griswold from his sister, "Gussie," 1860, and a 1921 memorial to him containing family data.

*Major Topics:* Cullen Frontier Guards (cavalry); 1st Regiment Mounted Rangers; 2nd Minnesota Cavalry Regiment, Company M; Princeton Station, Minnesota; Sibley Expedition, 1863; Yellow Medicine Indian Agency.

- 0616 **Grose, Wilhelmina (Kuske, Dorothy). Account of Sioux Uprising Experiences. Undated.** 6 frames.

Typescript description of the capture of Wilhelmina (Mrs. Frederick) Grose by the Dakota near the Redwood Indian Agency during the Dakota Conflict, her experiences in the Dakota camp, and her release at Camp Release.

*Major Topics:* Camp Release, Minnesota; Hostages; Redwood Indian Agency.

## Reel 2

### "Hagadorn"—"Myers"

- 0001 **Hagadorn, Henry J. Diary. 1863.** 21 frames.

Typed, bound copy of his diary, January 11–August 31, written while serving with the 7th Minnesota Infantry, Company H, on the Sibley Expedition, particularly at Camps Pope and Atchison, Dakota Territory.

*Major Topics:* Sibley Expedition, 1863; 7th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company H.

- 0022 **Hahn, Margareta Holl (Persons, Irene, Interviewer). Notes of Interview. March 24, 1937.** 3 frames.  
Records information from Mrs. Peter Hahn on the flight of the Frank Holl family from their farm to New Ulm during the Dakota Conflict, and their activities during that city's siege.  
*Major Topics:* Hahn, Margareta Holl; Holl (Frank) family; New Ulm, Minnesota.
- 0025 **Hallock, Mary Anna Marston. Reminiscence. Undated.** 9 frames.  
Account of Dakota Conflict activities in the Garden City, Blue Earth County, area as seen through her eyes as a thirteen-year-old girl, particularly the flight of more than eight hundred persons onto the Winnebago Reservation.  
*Major Topics:* Blue Earth County, Minnesota; Winnebago Indian Agency.
- 0034 **Hart, James R. Reminiscences of Services in Dakota and Minnesota. [Undated.]** 6 frames.  
Details his service in the 10th Minnesota Infantry, Company D, during the Dakota Conflict, including wagon train guard duty between St. Paul and Fort Abercrombie; stockade construction at Fort Goodhue, Minnesota; and experiences on the Sibley Expedition.  
*Major Topics:* Fort Abercrombie, North Dakota; Fort Goodhue, Minnesota; Sibley Expedition, 1863; 10th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company D.
- 0040 **Hastings Rangers (Minnesota Cavalry). Muster Roll. 1862.** 4 frames.  
Muster roll of mounted citizen soldiers organized in Dakota and Washington Counties on August 21–22, 1862, for service during the Dakota Conflict. Lists forty-four men under the command of Captain G. W. Taylor, with muster-in dates and number of days served.  
*Major Topics:* Dakota County, Minnesota; Minnesota Militia; Taylor, G. W.; Washington County, Minnesota.
- 0044 **Hatch, Charles D. Narrative of Charles D. Hatch's Experiences in the Indian War in Minnesota in 1862. [Undated.]** 3 frames.  
Describes the Lake Shetek massacre during the Dakota Conflict, including the actions in notifying neighbors and Hatch's flight with a party of settlers to Mankato.  
*Major Topics:* Lake Shetek massacre; Mankato, Minnesota.
- 0047 **Hayden, William G. An Account of the Relief Expedition Sent from St. Peter to New Ulm, August 22, 1862, and the Subsequent Siege of New Ulm by the Indians. 1897.** 15 frames.  
A member of the St. Peter Frontier Guards under Captain Charles E. Flandrau, Hayden describes in detail the siege of New Ulm, Minnesota, and its eventual abandonment during the Dakota Conflict.  
*Major Topics:* Flandrau, Charles E.; New Ulm, Minnesota; St. Peter Frontier Guards.
- 0062 **Hazen, Joseph M. Letter. December 28, 1862.** 6 frames.  
Photocopy of a letter from Joseph M. Hazen of Tivoli, Minnesota, to his sister, Sarah Jane Warren, describing the hanging of the thirty-eight Dakota Indians convicted of murder in the Dakota Conflict, as well as various military activities. Hazen was a member of the 7th Minnesota Infantry, Company B.  
*Major Topics:* Execution of Dakota Indians at Mankato, Minnesota, 1862; 7th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company B.

- 0068 **Hazzard, W. H. Autobiographical Sketch of Sioux Uprising Experiences. 1897.** 8 frames.  
This Henderson, Minnesota, resident describes his role in the siege of New Ulm, Minnesota, during the Dakota Conflict, and the subsequent rescue and burial party into the surrounding area.  
*Major Topic:* New Ulm, Minnesota.
- 0076 **Hinhankaga (Patten, F. J.). The Ordeal of Hinhankaga: As Told by Clem Felix, Hinhankaga's Grandson. ca. 1962.** 9 frames.  
Typescript account describes the flight by the family of this French/Dakota halfbreed (known to the whites as Joseph Coursolle) from the Redwood Indian Agency to Fort Ridgely during the Dakota Conflict, the Dakotas' capture of his two daughters, and his enlistment as corporal in the Cullen Frontier Guards. Includes descriptions of the siege of Fort Ridgely, Battle of Birch Coulee, and Camp Release.  
*Major Topics:* Birch Coulee, Battle of; Camp Release, Minnesota; Coursolle, Joseph; Felix, Clem; Fort Ridgely, Minnesota; Hinhankaga; Hostages; Mixed-descent Indians; Cullen Frontier Guards (cavalry); Redwood Indian Agency.
- 0085 **Holmquist, Ingar Johnson. Reminiscence. 1920.** 4 frames.  
Reminiscence of the August 23, 1862, Dakota Indian attack on New Sweden Township, Minnesota. Holmquist, a young girl, was captured, witnessed the murder of her mother, went into shock and was left for dead, and was later rescued by her father. With cover letter from her grandson, H. O. Johnson, to the Minnesota Historical Society (1925).  
*Major Topics:* New Sweden Township, Minnesota; Nicollet County, Minnesota; Johnson, H. O.; Hostages.
- 0089 **Huftelen, John. Letter. October 16, 1862.** 6 frames.  
Photocopy of a letter from Huftelen, with the 6th Minnesota Infantry, Company D, at Yellow Medicine, Minnesota, to his wife, Jane, at Cannon City, Minnesota, describing the Dakota Indians under guard at Camp Release during the Dakota Conflict.  
*Major Topics:* Camp Release, Minnesota; 6th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company D.
- 0095 **Huggan, Nancy McClure. Letter. May 1894.** 15 frames.  
Written to Minnesota Governor William R. Marshall, describing her capture during the Dakota Conflict; experiences in Little Crow's and Shakopee's camps; rescue by her uncle, Rdayamani, a Dakota; and her stay at Camp Release, Minnesota.  
*Major Topics:* Camp Release, Minnesota; Hostages; Little Crow; Rdayamani; Shakopee.
- 0110 **Hughes, Thomas J., 1854–1934, Collector. Collected Statements on the Sioux Outbreak of 1862 in Butternut Valley Township, Blue Earth County, Minnesota. [Undated.]** 24 frames.  
Typed copies of reminiscences of survivors of the September 10, 1862, Dakota Indian attack in Butternut Valley Township. Contains statements of David J. Davis, Thomas Y. Davis, Andrew Friend, William J. Jones, William P. Jones, James Morgan, William W. Paddock, David Price, Solomon Taylor, David Thomas, and Mrs. Stephen Edward Walters. Also includes statements concerning Judge Martin Severance's support of Thomas Galbraith for Redwood Indian Agency agent and concerning the work of Reverend Artemus Ehnamani, a Dakota who took part in the conflict and was converted to Christianity while a captive in Mankato in 1862–1863.  
*Major Topics:* Blue Earth County, Minnesota; Davis, David J.; Davis, Thomas Y.; Ehnamani, Artemus; Friend, Andrew; Galbraith, Thomas J.; Jones, William P.; Jones, William J.; Morgan, James; Paddock, William W.; Price, David; Severance, Martin Juan; Taylor, Solomon; Thomas, David; Walters, Mrs. Stephen Edward.

- 0134 **Humphrey, James D. Account of Sioux Uprising 50th Anniversary Visit to Southern Minnesota. August 18, 1912.** 5 frames.  
Describes the deaths of several family members of his uncle, Dr. Philander P. Humphrey, near Morton, Minnesota, during the Dakota Conflict, with the escape of one son, John. Details a tour of conflict sites at St. Peter, Kasota, Traverse des Sioux, Morton, and the Redwood Indian Agency.  
*Major Topics:* Humphrey, John Ames; Humphrey, Philander P.; Minnesota River.
- 0139 **Hunt, Thomas Jefferson. Observations of T. J. Hunt in the Civil War: A Narrative of the Military Life of T. J. Hunt in the Sioux Indian and Civil Wars of 1862–1865. [Undated.]**  
28 frames.  
Typescript narrative detailing the activities of this Ellington, Dodge County, farmer during the siege of New Ulm; his service with the 10th Minnesota Infantry, Company B, at the Winnebago Indian Agency and as commander of a platoon of skirmishers on the Sibley Expedition; and his Civil War experiences.  
*Major Topics:* New Ulm, Minnesota; Sibley Expedition, 1863; 10th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company B; Winnebago Indian Agency, Minnesota.
- 0167 **Huntington, Henry M. Letter. September 9, 1862.** 4 frames.  
Written to his father from Fort Ridgely. Describes service in the 6th Minnesota Infantry, Company D, particularly their participation in the rescue of troops at Birch Coulee.  
*Major Topics:* Birch Coulee, Battle of, 1862; 6th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company D.
- 0171 **Johnson, Norman C. Letter. October 14, 1862.** 2 frames.  
Typed copy of a letter written to "Mrs. Merrill" from Camp Lincoln, near Mankato, Minnesota. Refers to his service in the 7th Minnesota Infantry, Company F, during the Dakota Conflict, particularly guarding Dakota prisoners.  
*Major Topics:* Camp Lincoln, Minnesota; 7th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company F.
- 0173 **Jones, William and Margaret (Merritt, Wallace, Mrs.). Sioux Massacre of 1862. 1933.**  
2 frames.  
Details the flight of the William and Margaret Jones family from their farm in Cambria Township, Minnesota to Mankato during the Dakota Conflict; written by their granddaughter.  
*Major Topics:* Blue Earth County, Minnesota; Cambria Township, Minnesota; Jones, Margaret; Jones, William.
- 0175 **Kennedy, Duncan R. Letters, 1929. 1936.** 7 frames.  
Letters to General William C. Brown, the first describing his father Duncan's relaying of dispatches from Fort Ridgely to General Sibley during the Dakota Conflict of 1862, and the second (1936) describing Duncan's trip on foot from St. Paul to Traverse des Sioux in the 1850s.  
*Major Topics:* Brown, William C.; Fort Ridgely, Minnesota; Traverse des Sioux, Minnesota.

- 0182 **King, Josias Ridgate. Biographical Data. 1863–1916.** 74 frames.  
Military and miscellaneous papers of King, who served in the 1st Minnesota Infantry, in the 2nd United States Infantry, and as an aide-de-camp on Sully's 1863 expedition following the Dakota Conflict. They include an undated biographical sketch; invitation to the White House from 1863; discharge papers; U.S. Volunteers, 2nd Regiment muster-in roll; promotions; letters from him to the St. Paul Pioneer Press and the North Dakota Historical Society about the Sully Expedition, particularly the Battle of Whitestone Hill; and appointment as brigadier general of the Minnesota National Guard.  
*Major Topics:* Sully Expeditions, 1863–1965; 2nd Infantry Regiment, U.S. Volunteers; 1st Minnesota Infantry Regiment; Whitestone Hill, Battle of, 1863.
- 0256 **King, Josias Ridgate [Oversize]. Military Commissions. 1861-1868.** 12 frames.  
King's commissions as second lieutenant, first lieutenant, and captain in the 1st Minnesota Infantry; as lieutenant colonel in the 2nd Regiment, U.S. Volunteers; and as second lieutenant and first lieutenant in the 2nd U.S. Infantry.  
*Major Topics:* Military commissions; 1st Minnesota Infantry Regiment; 2nd Infantry, U.S. Regulars.
- 0268 **Kitzman, Paul (Satterlee, Marion P.). The Massacre at Sacred Heart. July 21, 1933.**  
2frames.  
Describes the August 19, 1862, massacre of German settlers near Sacred Heart, Renville County, Minnesota, during the Dakota Conflict, particularly the death of Paul Kitzman.  
*Major Topics:* German Americans; Kitzman, Paul; Sacred Heart, Minnesota; Renville County, Minnesota.
- 0270 **Kreigher, Herrietta (Schrepel, Charles). An Indian Massacre. 1901.** 53 frames.  
Handwritten narrative based on stories told by Schrepel's mother, Henrietta Kreigher, and grandmother, Justina Kreigher, detailing their activities during and after the August 19, 1862, massacre of German settlers near Sacred Heart, Renville County, Minnesota, during the Dakota Conflict. Henrietta was captured by the Dakota and held until the general liberation at Camp Release.  
*Major Topics:* Camp Release, Minnesota; German Americans; Kreigher, Henrietta; Kreigher, Justina; Sacred Heart, Minnesota; Renville County, Minnesota.
- 0323 **Kreigher, Justina (Davidson, A. A.). Narrative from the Indian Outbreak of 1862. 1933.**  
4 frames.  
Describing the August 19, 1862, massacre of German settlers near Sacred Heart, Renville County, Minnesota, during the Dakota Conflict. It deals mainly with the survival of Justina Kreigher, who was left for dead, wandered for ten days, was rescued by the Cullen [Frontier] Guards, and lay semiconscious in a wagon through the battle at Birch Coulee.  
*Major Topics:* Birch Coulee, Battle of, 1862; German Americans; Kreigher, Justina; Cullen Frontier Guards; Sacred Heart, Minnesota; Renville County, Minnesota.
- 0327 **Langguth, H. A. Sioux Uprising of 1862. 1933.** 2 frames.  
Notes on the Dakota Indians' trading for goods, particularly ammunition, with traders J. and C. M. Dailey Pratt & Co., at Big Stone Lake, Big Stone County, Minnesota, during 1861 and 1862.  
*Major Topics:* Dakota Indian commerce; J. and C. M. Dailey Pratt and Company; Big Stone County, Minnesota.
- 0329 **Larson, Ole. Biographical Memorabilia. 1860–1903.** 21 frames.  
Deeds, abstracts of title, affidavits, and correspondence relating to the claim of Larson, a Meeker County, Minnesota, farmer, against the U.S. government for timber that was removed from his land by

- the 2nd Minnesota Cavalry to construct a fort during the Dakota Conflict, an act that he claimed rendered the land useless.  
*Major Topics:* Land titles, Meeker County, Minnesota; Meeker County, Minnesota; Military occupation damages; 2nd Minnesota Cavalry Regiment.
- 0350 **Linn, Rachel A. Maservey. Account of Building a Block House at Maine Prairie, Minnesota, during the Uprising. 1932.** 2 frames.  
Typed description of the building's construction in Stearns County during the Dakota Conflict.  
*Major Topics:* Maine Prairie, Minnesota; Stearns County, Minnesota; Fortifications.
- 0352 **Little, B. A., Mrs. Letter. September 26, 1862.** 9 frames.  
Photocopy of a letter from this Kasota, Minnesota, resident to Mrs. Silas Hinckley Rankin in Springfield, Massachusetts, describing the Dakota Conflict threat to Kasota, her husband's absence at Fort Snelling, and the deaths in Dr. Humphrey's family.  
*Major Topics:* Humphrey, Philander P.; Kasota, Minnesota; Fort Snelling.
- 0361 **Lobdell, Julia E. Farnsworth. Reminiscence. July 24, 1933.** 4 frames.  
Describes her flight during the Dakota Conflict with her mother, Rosanna Love Farnsworth, and her brother from their farm north of Mankato into the nearby deep woods, where they subsisted for twenty-one days on milk from the family cow and on wild fruits.  
*Major Topic:* Farnsworth, Rosanna Love.
- 0365 **Lovell, William R. Reminiscence. 1937 and 1945.** 10 frames.  
Handwritten reminiscence detailing his service from enlistment through discharge, including Dakota Conflict duty at Glencoe, Forest City, Acton, and Hutchinson; skirmishes with the Dakota near Acton and Hutchinson; and Civil War duty in the South, particularly several months as a prisoner in Andersonville.  
*Major Topics:* 9th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company B; Acton, Minnesota; Hutchinson, Minnesota; Andersonville Prison.
- 0375 **MacAlmond, Rebecca. Diary. 1862.** 2 frames.  
Typed copy of a diary (August 18–September 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.  
*Major Topics:* Hutchinson, Minnesota, siege; Refugees.
- 0377 **McColley, Charles E. An Indian Pentecost. [Undated.]** 4 frames.  
Typed story of the conversion to Christianity of the Dakota Indians held prisoner near Mankato following the Dakota Conflict.  
*Major Topics:* Religious activities; Dakota Indians; Indian prisoners.

- 0381 **McFall, Orlando. Narrative of the Sioux Indian Massacre in 1862. 1909.** 45 frames.  
McFall, a member of the 5th Minnesota Infantry, Company C, describes the company's movements during the Dakota Conflict, including guarding the Yellow Medicine Agency warehouse when annuity payments were late, the eventual dispensing of its contents to the Dakota, and the company's participation in the protection of Fort Ridgely during the siege. He frequently mentions Lieutenant Timothy J. Sheehan and Sergeant John Jones.  
*Major Topics:* Dakota Indians—annuities; Fort Ridgely, Minnesota; Jones, John; Sheehan, Timothy J.; 5th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company C; Yellow Medicine Indian Agency.
- 0426 **MacKenzie, John H. Biographical Data. 1906, 1912, and Undated.** 28 frames.  
MacKenzie settled in Hutchinson, Minnesota, in 1850 and served as a scout and guide for Hatch's Battalion during the Dakota Conflict of 1862. The collection consists of a letter from MacKenzie to the Minnesota Historical Society detailing a trip, unarmed and alone, from Georgetown to Fort Abercrombie for reinforcements; a clipping, and a letter from MacKenzie to E. Southworth describing his role in the 1865 capture of Little Six and Medicine Bottle.  
*Major Topics:* Scouts and scouting; Fort Abercrombie, North Dakota; Little Six; Medicine Bottle; Hatch's Independent Battalion of Cavalry.
- 0454 **Marston, Samuel (Marston, C. S.). Reminiscences [of] the Indian Massacre of 1862. August 24, 1933.** 3 frames.  
Typescript account of the Samuel Marston family's flight toward Mankato, Minnesota, from their Winnebago City farm during the Dakota Conflict; the news they received en route of soldiers stationed in Mankato; and the family's return to their farm after being assured that it was now in a protected area.  
*Major Topics:* Marston, Samuel; Winnebago City, Minnesota; Mankato, Minnesota.
- 0457 **Martell, Oliver (Bennett, Edgar M.). A Pioneer Gone. December 29, 1904.** 5 frames.  
Obituary of Oliver Martell, based on data contributed by Martell's granddaughter, Muzzette Lissack. It includes details on Martell's operation of the Minnesota River ferry at the Redwood Indian Agency during the 1862 Dakota Conflict, his August 18 ride to Fort Ridgely to spread the news of the Dakotas' uprising, and his participation during the siege of the fort.  
*Major Topics:* Fort Ridgely, Minnesota; Martell, Jane Salisbury Murray; Martell, Oliver; Redwood Indian Agency; Minnesota River ferry.
- 0462 **Mazakootamane (Paul, Mazakootamane). A Personal Narrative. March 1, 1869.** 29 frames.  
Account by Little Paul, a Christian Dakota, of his participation in the return of the Spirit Lake, Iowa, massacre captives and the release of the white captives at Camp Release, Minnesota. Both the Dakota-language original and Riggs's translation are present.  
*Major Topics:* Camp Release, Minnesota; Little Paul; Spirit Lake, Iowa. Massacre; Hostages.
- 0491 **Minnesota. Commission on the Wood Lake Battlefield. Report on the Battle of Wood Lake. [ca. 1907.]** 7 frames.  
Typescript report of a commission established by the Minnesota legislature to locate the battlefield and purchase a part thereof for state use. It consisted of three Wood Lake battle veterans: Ezra T. Champlin, Loren W. Collins, and Mathias Holl. The report recounts the historical background and early events of the Dakota Conflict and describes the battle (September 23, 1862) in detail. It also corrects several errors in *Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars* regarding the battle.  
*Major Topics:* Wood Lake, Battle of, 1862. Champlin, Ezra T.; Collins, Loren W.; Holl, Mathias.
- 0498 **Minnesota Historical Society. Statistics concerning the Sioux Massacre: Collected by Town**

- Assessors for the County Auditor to Be Filed with the Minnesota Historical Society, in Accordance with the Law Passed March 7, 1881. [Undated.]** 105 frames.  
Forms used to record the number, names, and ages of white persons killed and wounded by the Dakota; the amount of property destroyed in each township; names and number of Indians engaged in the conflict and who were wounded or killed; time and place of the above; and any incidents of interest.  
*Major Topics:* Casualty statistics; Property destruction.
- 0603 **Minnesota Infantry Regiment, 5th (1861-1865). Company B. Daily Record of the Guard Mount and Countersign at Fort Ridgely. May-September 1862.** 74 frames.  
Records the daily guard mount, countersign, and guards and prisoners, and carries the signatures of the officer of the day and the commander of the guard.  
*Major Topics:* Guard duty; 5th Minnesota Infantry, Company B.
- 0677 **Minnesota Infantry Regiment, 6th. Company B. Quartermaster Accounts. 1862–1863.** 22 frames.  
Accounts of clothing issued to the members of Company B during service in Minnesota and on the 1863 Sibley Expedition. One account (June 13, 1863), dated from "Camp Pope," lists clothing issued and payment made to Francis F. Mitchell, wagoner.  
*Major Topics:* 6th Minnesota Infantry, Company B; Quartermaster; Mitchell, Francis F.; Sibley Expedition, 1863; U.S. Army—accounting; Supplies and stores; Camp Pope.
- 0699 **Montgomery, Sarah Ann Purnell. Some Recollections of the Indian Outbreak of 1862. 1933.** 4 frames.  
Typescript account by a then-fifteen-year-old South Bend, Minnesota, girl detailing the family's flight to Mankato, the movement of Dakota prisoners through South Bend, and the hanging of the 38 convicted Dakota in Mankato.  
*Major Topics:* South Bend, Minnesota; Execution of Dakota Indians at Mankato, Minnesota, 1862.
- 0703 **Mosher, Orville Watson. Account of Experiences in Civil War and Sioux Outbreak in Minnesota. September 14, 1951.** 4 frames.  
The account includes genealogical notes on the Obadiah Mosher family of Waseca, Minnesota; descriptions of the Civil War service of brothers Asa, Hiram, Jim, and Rob; and Asa's experiences in New Ulm and with the Sully and Sibley Expeditions in Dakota Territory.  
*Major Topics:* Mosher (Obadiah) family; Mosher, Asa; New Ulm, Minnesota; Sibley Expedition, 1863; Sully Expeditions, 1863-1865.
- 0707 **Myers, Aaron. Reminiscence and Biographical Data. 1900 and 1906.** 24 frames.  
Photocopies of an undated reminiscence of a Lake Shetek, Minnesota, resident recounting his experiences during the Dakota sieges of New Ulm and St. Peter.  
*Major Topics:* Lake Shetek, Minnesota; New Ulm, Minnesota; St. Peter, Minnesota.



## Reel 3

### “Nairn”–“Wood”

- 0001 **Nairn, John. Biographical Data. [ca. 1862]-1932.** 40 frames.  
Recollections of Nairn, government carpenter at the Lower Sioux Agency, of events leading up to the conflict; a partial letter from Nairn to his sister in Scotland describing the family's flight to Fort Ridgely; photocopies of his daughter Margaret's obituary; and articles about Nairn family.  
*Major Topics:* Lower Sioux Agency; Nairn family; Nairn, Margaret Robertson; Fort Ridgely, Minnesota.
- 0041 **Nasmith, S. Miscellaneous Dakota Conflict Information. 1862.** 20 frames.  
Letters written from Sauk Centre by Nasmith to his wife concerning the troops under his command and their part in the Dakota conflict; a letter from Captain Richard Strout about the 9th Minnesota Infantry, Company B; a photographic copy of a sketch of the temporary stockade at Sauk Centre in 1862; and a letter to Nasmith from a Civil War soldier in Maryland.  
*Major Topics:* Fortifications; Sauk Centre, Minnesota; 9th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company B.
- 0061 **Nelson, C. C. History of the Early Pioneers of This Neighborhood in the Western Part of the Town of New Sweden, Nicollet County, Minnesota, and of the Indian Massacre in This Neighborhood in 1862. April 13, 1926.** 7 frames.  
Typescript description of his experiences as a young boy during the August 23, 1862, Dakota attack on New Sweden Township, Nicollet County, Minnesota, including his escape to St. Peter and the later construction of a sod stockade by New Sweden residents. With cover letter from Nelson to H. O. Johnson, commenting on Mrs. Ingar Holmquist's account of the incident.  
*Major Topics:* Fortifications; Holmquist, Ingar Johnson; Johnson, H. O.; New Sweden Township, Minnesota; Nicollet County, Minnesota.
- 0068 **New Ulm, Minnesota. Petition for Pension by Men of New Ulm, Brown County, for Wounds Received during the Sioux Massacre. September 30, 1864.** 5 frames.  
Lists the wounded, widows, and orphans considered entitled to a pension. Sent to Oscar Malmros, adjutant general, state of Minnesota.  
*Major Topics:* Malmros, Oscar; Military pension; New Ulm, Minnesota.
- 0073 **Odden, Alfred. Letter. August 21, 1965.** 3 frames.  
Written to Larry Jung, Echo, Minnesota, discussing the September 23, 1862, battle at Wood Lake, Yellow Medicine County. Includes a map of the battle site.  
*Major Topics:* Jung, Laurence J.; Wood Lake, Battle of, 1862.
- 0076 **Ofelt, Pernilla Manson (Quist, Peter P.). Account of the Sioux Uprising, 1862. [Undated.]** 4 frames.  
Recounts the experiences of Pernilla Manson Ofelt fleeing from Grove City to Forest City, Minnesota, and the three-week siege of that city before the arrival of troops. Also mentions the Panic of 1857.  
*Major Topics:* Forest City, Minnesota; Ofelt, Pernilla Manson; Panic of 1857 financial crises.

- 0080 **Orkney, W. G. Letter. September 1862.** 6 frames.  
Letter from Orkney of Quebec, Canada, to W. H. Temple of St. Paul, regarding the fate of his brother, John, reportedly killed at the Redwood Indian Agency.  
*Major Topics:* Orkney, John; Redwood Indian Agency.
- 0086 **Owen, Julius. The Hanging of Thirty-Eight Sioux Indians at Mankato. 1933.** 3 frames.  
Typescript recollection of the execution as seen by a fourteen-year-old Geneva, Minnesota, boy.  
*Major Topic:* Execution of Dakota Indians at Mankato, Minnesota, 1862.
- 0089 **Parker, Charles Frederick (Truax, Evelyn B). An Incident of the Sioux Indian Outbreak. [Undated.]** 2 frames.  
Handwritten account describing the flight of Charles F. Parker; his wife, Alice; her sister, Flavilla; and Flavilla's fiancée, Will Maybee, from the Parkers' Forest City farm to Monticello and the death of Maybee during a return trip to gather livestock and belongings.  
*Major Topics:* Forest City, Minnesota; Maybee, Will; Parker, Charles Frederick.
- 0091 **Paulson, O. General Sibley's Expedition. 1907.** 11 frames.  
Describes Paulson's experiences as captain in the 9th Minnesota Infantry, Company H, while on march with the 1863 Sibley Expedition, including the daily tedium, extreme heat, and a battle with the Dakota on July 24.  
*Major Topics:* Dakota Territory; Sibley Expedition, 1863; 9th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company H.
- 0102 **Pettibone, John Nelson. Biographical Data. 1863–1864.** 24 frames.  
Diary and three letters detailing Pettibone's service in the 6th Minnesota Infantry, Company F. The diary (May 6–September 12), kept while on march with the Sibley Expedition, details miles covered daily, topography, camp routine, and battles at Big Hills, Dakota Territory, and near the Missouri River. It includes a muster roll of Company F. The letter, from Captain Horace B. Wilson, Camp Buford, Helena, Arkansas, to Mary Pettibone of Redford, Michigan, describes her husband's death from dysentery; the visit of John's brother, Heman, to the camp; and actions Mary should take to obtain John's pension and back pay.  
*Major Topics:* Big Hills, Battle of, 1863; Dakota Territory; Muster rolls; Pettibone, Heman Dunning; Pettibone, Mary; Sibley Expedition, 1863; 6th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company F; Camp Buford, Arkansas.
- 0126 **Pike, Marcia Doughty. I Saw Them Hang Thirty-Eight Indians...As Told to Mary Evelyn Young. November 17, 1940.** 5 frames.  
Photocopy of Pike's reminiscence as a ten-year-old New Ulm girl, describing the siege of that city during the Dakota Conflict and the execution of the Dakota prisoners at Mankato.  
*Major Topics:* Execution of Dakota Indians at Mankato, Minnesota, 1862; New Ulm, Minnesota; Young, Mary Evelyn.

- 0131 **Plumly, George W. Report of the Names of the Persons Comprising the Company of Mounted Infantry Organized in Rochester, Olmsted County, Minnesota. November 10, 1862.** 2 frames.  
Typed copy, giving time of service and amount owed to each person. Includes a list of supplies received from the state of Minnesota. Known as the "Malmros Guard," the company was organized August 29, 1862, and served approximately one month. Plumly was orderly sergeant.  
*Major Topics:* Malmros Guard; Minnesota Militia—rosters; Rochester, Minnesota; Olmsted County, Minnesota; Supply and subsistence.
- 0133 **Prescott, Philander (Satterlee, Marion P.). A Faithful Servant. 1933.** 3 frames.  
Handwritten account of the August 14, 1862, meeting between Philander Prescott, Redwood Indian Agency interpreter; Thomas J. Galbraith, agent; several Dakota Indians; and three white traders concerning the sale of supplies to the Indians prior to the arrival of their overdue annuity money. Prescott was killed at the agency during the Dakota Conflict.  
*Major Topics:* Dakota Indians—annuities; Galbraith, Thomas J.; Prescott, Philander; Redwood Indian Agency.
- 0136 **Priestley, Thomas. Diary and Biographical Data. 1864.** 12 frames.  
Diary (June 12–October 20) kept by Priestley, of the 30th Wisconsin Infantry, while on march through Minnesota and Dakota Territory with Sully's Expedition. He records daily experiences, especially camp activities. Also includes a letter from a comrade who had remained in the Fort Ridgely hospital, mainly commenting on his illness and the poor condition of the hospital.  
*Major Topics:* Dakota Territory; Fort Ridgely, Minnesota; Sully Expeditions, 1863-1865; 30th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment; Camp and bivouac.
- 0148 **Renville, Gabriel (Renville, James). James Renville Letter. January 24, 1949.** 4 frames.  
Letter to the Minnesota Historical Society, concerning a possible pension due his father, Gabriel Renville, for his scouting service on the Sibley Expedition and his aid in obtaining peace with the White Earth Reservation Ojibwa in 1878.  
*Major Topics:* Scouts and scouting; Ojibwa Indians; Renville, Gabriel; Sibley Expedition, 1863; White Earth Indian Reservation (Minnesota).
- 0152 **Riehle, John. Bloodshed at Birch Coulee. [ca. 1960.]** 6 frames.  
Historical sketch of the battle of Birch Coulee, written by Riehle for a history class at Our Lady of the Ozarks [School], Carthage, Missouri.  
*Major Topic:* Birch Coulee, Battle of, 1862.
- 0158 **Riggs, Stephen Return (Satterlee, Marion P.). The Riggs Missionary Party. February 9, 1916.** 3 frames.  
Typescript describing the August 18, 1862, flight of Riggs and his associates from the Hazelwood Mission, located six miles up the Minnesota River from the Yellow Medicine Agency, during the Dakota Conflict. Includes a postcard copy of a photograph, supposedly taken by a member of the party during their flight.  
*Major Topics:* Hazelwood Mission, Minnesota; Missionaries; Riggs, Stephen Return; Yellow Medicine Agency.

- 0161 **Robertson, Thomas A. Reminiscence. 1918.** 32 frames.  
Robertson (Zi-tka-na-ho-wa-ste), a Dakota mixed breed, lived at Kaposia and the Redwood and Yellow Medicine Indian agencies. He served as a messenger between Little Crow and General Sibley at Camp Release during the Dakota Conflict and later as a scout for troops in Dakota Territory. His reminiscence includes some genealogical data but mainly details his actions in 1862 to try to protect and free the white captives in Little Crow's camp. He also describes like efforts by Little Paul, a full-blood Christian Dakota.  
*Major Topics:* Camp Release, Minnesota; Scouts and scouting, Social life and customs; Hostages; Little Crow; Little Paul; Paul, Mazakootamane; Zi-tka-na-ho-wa-ste.
- 0193 **Robinson, John E. Biographical Memorabilia. 1859-1865.** 8 frames.  
Letter describing his experiences with the 2nd Minnesota Cavalry, Company B, during Sully's expedition through Dakota, Montana, and Idaho; and his discharge paper in 1865.  
*Major Topics:* 2nd Minnesota Cavalry Regiment, Company B; Sully Expeditions, 1863–1865.
- 0201 **Rust, George H. Military Papers. 1863–1865.** 36 frames.  
Correspondence, general orders, receipts, and similar papers documenting the activities of Rust as chief clerk, Subsistence Department, during the Sully expeditions. They include special orders from Sully (1863–1864); correspondence and orders from J. J. Palmer, captain of commissary and subsistence on the 1864 expedition; Rust's report on the Midwest pork market to the commissary general, A. B. Eaton; and a portion of his statement on the moral character and military conduct of Sully during the expeditions.  
*Major Topics:* Military bases in Dakota Territory; Military command and control; Subsistence Department, state of Minnesota; Sully Expeditions, 1863–1865; U.S. Army Commissariat.
- 0237 **Seelye, W. E. Narrative of the Past and Experiences and Adventures of Which the Writer Took Part. October 22, 1937.** 8 frames.  
Typescript reminiscence, mainly detailing his experiences as a member of the 8th Minnesota Infantry, Company A, particularly on march to Fort Ripley during the Dakota Conflict, on Sully's expedition, and as relief for Colonel James L. Fisk's expedition into the Badlands.  
*Major Topics:* Fisk Expedition, 1864; Sully Expeditions, 1863-1865; 8th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company A; Fort Ripley.
- 0245 **Seifert, Alexander. Notes of Committee Selecting Historical Data from New Ulm, Minnesota. [Undated.]** 12 frames.  
Typescript notes on a trip by six New Ulm residents to the Wood Lake battle site, Camp Release, and Montevideo. They include notes on interviews with George Olds, whose farm was then on the Yellow Medicine Agency site, and with Celia Campbell Stay, whose father, Joseph Campbell, was the Redwood Agency interpreter in 1862. She relates the family's captivity by the Dakota, their release at Camp Release, and her father's role as intermediary between the Dakota camp and General Sibley.  
*Major Topics:* Camp Release, Minnesota; Campbell, Antone Joseph; Hostages; Olds, George E.; Redwood Indian Agency; Stay, Celia M. Campbell; Wood Lake, Battle of, 1862; Yellow Medicine Indian Agency.

- 0257 **Sheardown, Samuel B. Letter. January 2, 1863.** 4 frames.  
From Sheardown, 10th Minnesota Infantry surgeon, at hospital headquarters in Le Sueur, Minnesota, to his brother and sister in Pennsylvania, describing the atrocities he saw during the Dakota Conflict and his medical assistance at the hanging of the Dakota prisoners in Mankato.  
*Major Topics:* Execution of Dakota Indians at Mankato, Minnesota, 1862; Le Sueur, Minnesota; 10th Minnesota Infantry Regiment; U.S. Army—surgeons; Medical affairs.
- 0261 **Shotwell, James A. Letter. January 15, 1898.** 4 frames.  
Written to his son, James, describing his role in a march to Fort Abercrombie with the 9th Minnesota Infantry, Company C, in 1862. Shotwell served in the 9th Regiment, 1862-1864, and then joined the colored service.  
*Major Topics:* Fort Abercrombie, North Dakota; 9th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company C.
- 0265 **Sidwell, Aaron M. Selected Extracts from *The Soldier's Gazette*. 1863.** 31 frames.  
A volume containing fifty-six handwritten pages of extracts from a newspaper published by members of the 8th Minnesota Infantry, Company F, during winter encampment at Fort Ripley. Includes a detailed history of the company, which organized in Dakota County as the "Dakota Rifles" on August 13, 1862, served as the New Ulm guard (August 18–November 12, 1862) during the Dakota Conflict, and was mustered into federal service as Company F in November 1862.  
*Major Topics:* Dakota Rifles; Fort Ripley, Minnesota; Dakota County, Minnesota; New Ulm, Minnesota; Journalism, military; *Soldier's Gazette*; Fort Ripley, Minnesota; 8th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company F.
- 0296 **Silvis, William L. Diary. 1864.** 9 frames.  
Typed copy of a diary (January 1–November 4) kept by Captain Silvis, 8th Minnesota Infantry, Company I, while on march with Sully's Expedition. It details the march, particularly daily activities and camps, company personnel and horses, supplies, and encounters with the Dakota. Also contains notations on expenditures and cash transactions.  
*Major Topics:* Sully Expeditions, 1863–1865; 8th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company I; Camp and bivouac.
- 0305 **Stay, Celia M. Campbell. Reminiscence and Biographical Data. 1925–1940.** 8 frames.  
An undated manuscript, "Camp Relief in 1862," written by Stay, daughter of Joseph Campbell, the U.S. interpreter at the Redwood Indian Agency in 1862, details her family's captivity by the Dakota and her father's role as intermediary between the Dakota and General Sibley at Camp Release. It is accompanied by letters from Stay and E. L. Bourke to the Minnesota Historical Society and an undated clipping containing Campbell family genealogical data.  
*Major Topics:* Camp Release, Minnesota; Campbell, Antone Joseph; Campbell family; Hostages; Translators, Dakota; Redwood Indian Agency.

- 0313 **Strong, John Henry. A Journal of the Northwestern Indian Expedition under General Sully, 1864–1865.** 72 frames.  
Diary (May 22–November 5, 1864) written while serving with the 8th Minnesota Infantry, Company A. Pages 1–63 (original) cover the company's march from Sauk Centre into the Badlands of western Dakota Territory and back to Fort Snelling (May 22–October 17), particularly detailing the countryside; forts and trading posts; escorting an emigrant train from Camp Pope to Yellowstone; rescuing the James L. Fisk emigrant train (September 9–11); Indian encounters, including the battle of Killdeer Mountain in western Dakota Territory (July 28–29); and desertions, hardships, and buffalo hunts. Pages 64–71 cover their journey by barge, by train, and on foot to Chicago, Illinois; Louisville, Kentucky; and Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tennessee (October 18–November 5). There is a partial letter written in Nashville.  
*Major Topics:* Dakota Territory—Description and travel; Sauk Centre, Minnesota; Fisk Expedition, 1864; Fisk Emigrant Train; Killdeer Mountain, Battle of, 1864; Louisville, Kentucky; Sully Expeditions, 1863–1865; 8th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company A; Badlands expedition; Fort Snelling, Minnesota.
- 0385 **Sturgis, Rosanna. Letter. October 8, 186[9?].** 3 frames.  
Typed copy of a letter from Rosanna in Elk City, Minnesota, to her husband, William, in Bannock, Montana, describing Dakota Indian activity near them and the family's move into Little Falls for safety. Although dated 1869, the letter describes as current events things that happened in 1862.  
*Major Topics:* Elk City, Minnesota; Little Falls, Minnesota.
- 0388 **Sutherland, Peter. Letter. July 9, 1908.** 5 frames.  
Sutherland, a Leech Lake, Minnesota, trader in 1862, writes to the Minnesota Historical Society describing his 1862 captivity at Leech Lake, where he and several other whites were held by the Ojibwa chief Big Dog until exchanged for Indian prisoners from Fort Ripley. He also discusses his friendship with Bishop Henry B. Whipple.  
*Major Topics:* Big Dog (Ojibwa chief); Indian traders; Hostages; Leech Lake, Minnesota; Ojibwa Indians; Whipple, Henry Benjamin; Fort Ripley.
- 0393 **Sweet, Laura Guigg (Eliza). Letter concerning Dakota Conflict. August 29, 1862.** 3 frames.  
Typed copy of a letter from "Eliza" in Faribault, Minnesota, to her sister, Laura Guigg Swett, describing the effects of the nearby Dakota Conflict in Faribault.  
*Major Topics:* Faribault, Minnesota; Swett, Laura G.
- 0396 **Tanner, Ross (Buffalo Child Long Lance, Chief). White Indian of Plains Solves Birth Mystery. February 13, 1926.** 6 frames.  
Story of Ross Tanner, a white child saved by a Dakota woman during the 1862 Dakota attack on the Redwood Indian Agency and raised as an Indian. Photocopy of newspaper clipping.  
*Major Topics:* Tanner, Ross; Redwood Indian Agency.
- 0402 **Taylor, Oscar. Military Papers. 1859–1863.** 13 frames.  
His commissions as colonel, 22nd Minnesota Volunteer Militia (1859); first lieutenant, Volunteer State Militia (September 1862); and captain, 1st Minnesota Mounted Rangers (October 1862). Also includes muster-out roll for the mounted rangers (August 1863) and an undated diagram of the Sauk Centre, Minnesota, military post. Taylor was a resident of Stearns County.  
*Major Topics:* Military bases—Minnesota; Military commissions; 1st Mounted Rangers; Minnesota Militia; Sauk Centre, Minnesota.
- 0415 **Thorne, George A. and Family (Thorne, Julia Rachel). Thorne Family in the Massacre of 1862.**

1933. 2 frames.

Recounts the George A. Thorne family's 1855 settlement in Henderson, Minnesota; Thorne's service as a volunteer Indian fighter during the Dakota Conflict; the family's flight to St. Peter; and the return of his wife, Delia, and their small daughter, Mary, to deserted Henderson to gather supplies.

*Major Topics:* Henderson, Minnesota; Thorne, Delia; Thorne, George A.; St. Peter, Minnesota.

0417 **Urbach, Jacob. Letter. December 3, 1864.** 8 frames.

Letter in German, with translation into English, from Urbach of Salt Lake City, Utah, to his family, describing his experiences traveling with the Thomas Holmes emigrant train across Dakota Territory, including meeting Sully's Expedition; skirmishes with the Dakota Indians; and stops at Fort Benton, Milk River, and Virginia City, Montana.

*Major Topics:* Fort Benton, Montana; German Americans; Holmes, Thomas Andrew; Emigrant trains; Overland journeys to the Pacific; Sully Expeditions, 1863–1865; Virginia City, Montana.

0425 Van Ness, **William H. (McNulty, Agnes, Comp.). Biographical Data on William H. Van Ness.** [1933.] 2 frames.

Describes the actions of Van Ness, a Forest City, Minnesota, farmer, during the Dakota Conflict of 1862.

*Major Topics:* Forest City, Minnesota; Van Ness, William H.

0427 **Wadsworth, Henry. Reminiscence. [ca. 1902.]** 3 frames.

Reminiscence of a Glencoe, Minnesota, hardware dealer during the 1862 Dakota Conflict, detailing the erection of a sod and timber stockade, the organization of a home guard company, a Dakota attack, and the stationing of two infantry companies in the city. Includes a plan of the stockade.

*Major Topics:* Fortifications; Glencoe, Minnesota; Home guard.

0430 **Wakefield, John L. Biographical Memorabilia. 1862–[ca. 1901].** 25 frames.

Claim by Wakefield, the Yellow Medicine Indian Agency physician in 1862, against the federal government for his losses in the Dakota Conflict, with an inventory of lost items. Accompanied by a plot deed in the Valley Cemetery, Shakopee Cemetery Association, and by Wakefield's and Mrs. Wakefield's obituaries.

*Major Topics:* Claims; Physicians; Shakopee Cemetery Association, Shakopee, Minnesota; Wakefield, Sarah F.; Yellow Medicine Indian Agency—physician.

0455 **Wall, Oscar Garrett. Diary of the Indian Expedition of 1863. [May 9-September 29, 1863.]** 41 frames.

Typed transcriptions of a diary kept by Wall, of the 1st Mounted Rangers, Company F, detailing his service on the Sibley Expedition, particularly miles covered daily, campsites, travel conditions, and skirmishes with the Dakota.

*Major Topics:* Dakota Territory; 1st Mounted Rangers, Company F; Sibley Expeditions, 1863; Camp and bivouac.

- 0496 **Walter, Ransom. Diary. 1862–1865.** 80 frames.  
Pocket diary (ca. August 29, 1862–August 1865) detailing Walter's service with the 7th Minnesota Infantry, Company E, in Minnesota and Dakota Territory (1862-1863) and in the South (1864-1865). Entries describe living conditions and distances traveled and give camp names, names of men killed and wounded, and cash accounts.  
*Major Topics:* 7th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company E; Living conditions; Rosters.
- 0576 **Ward, Chester C. Letter. August 27, 1865.** 12 frames.  
Photocopy of a letter from Ward at Fort Wadsworth, Dakota Territory, to his mother, describing camp life as a member of the 2nd Minnesota Cavalry, Company D.  
*Major Topics:* Fort Sisseton, South Dakota; Fort Wadsworth, Dakota Territory; 2nd Minnesota Cavalry Regiment, Company D.
- 0588 **Watson, Amos B. Reminiscences of the Sioux Outbreak. [Undated.]** 4 frames.  
Details his service in the 7th Minnesota Infantry, Company B, including participation in holding Fort Ridgely and in the battle of Birch Coulee, the battle of Wood Lake, liberation of the hostages at Camp Release, escort of the Dakota prisoners to Mankato, and guard duty at their execution.  
*Major Topics:* Birch Coulee, Battle of, 1862; Camp Release, Minnesota; Execution of Dakota Indians at Mankato, Minnesota, 1862; Fort Ridgely, Minnesota; 7th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, Company B; Wood Lake, Battle of, 1862.
- 0592 **Wearer, H. L. and Ida Princilla Hall (Vogel, Anna May Wearer, Comp.). Biographical Data. August 7, 1933.** 8 frames.  
Vogel describes her parents' activities during the Dakota Conflict of 1862 near Concord, Dodge County, Minnesota.  
*Major Topics:* Concord, Minnesota; Wearer, H. L.; Wearer, Ida Princilla Hall.
- 0600 **Whitcomb, Elizabeth (Persons, Irene). Notes of Interview. June 11, 1937.** 4 frames.  
Whitcomb discusses her family's move to Minnesota from New York in 1856; their 1858 move to a Meeker County farm near Forest City; her father George C. Whitcomb's organization of a citizens' protection group, the "Sibley Guards," during the Dakota Conflict of 1862; the family's flight to Forest City; and the Dakota attack on that city.  
*Major Topics:* Forest City, Minnesota; Sibley Guards; Whitcomb, George Carlos.
- 0604 **Whitcomb, George F. Letter. July 18, 1933.** 8 frames.  
To George Bradley, St. Paul, detailing the activities of his Meeker County family, particularly his father George Carlos Whitcomb, during the Dakota Conflict of 1862.  
*Major Topics:* Meeker County, Minnesota; Whitcomb, George Carlos.
- 0612 **White, Albert Smith. Sioux Claims Commission Data. 1863–1864.** 13 frames.  
White, of Stockwell, Indiana, served as chairman of the Sioux Claims Commission, a body formed to settle claims brought against the U.S. government by white settlers for losses incurred during the Dakota Conflict. This collection consists of two letters from White to his wife, describing the battle areas he visited and discussing the commission's work; a letter from Cyrus Aldrich, in Washington, D.C., urging White to draft a bill for added relief to conflict survivors; and handwritten excerpts from an unidentified congressional document concerning the commission's work and from White's obituary.  
*Major Topics:* Dakota Indians—claims against; Relief activities.
- 0625 **Wood, Sally S. Drake. Letters. 1862–1863.** 31 frames.



Four letters are from Wood, in St. Cloud and Elm Island, Minnesota, to her brother, Plumer Drake, and to her niece discussing construction of a fortification at St. Cloud, general events of the Dakota Conflict, and the fear of an Ojibwa uprising. One is from her son, William H., to his uncle, Nathaniel Drake (1862), announcing their return to their farm from St. Cloud.

*Major Topics:* Elm Island, Minnesota; St. Cloud, Minnesota; Fortifications; Ojibwa.

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### “Workman”–“Wounded Man”

- 0001 **Workman, Harper M. Early History of Lake Shetek County. [Undated] and 1924–1930.** 232 frames.

The volume contains Workman's history of the Lake Shetek (Murray County), Minnesota, area, including a list of settlers living there at the time of the Dakota Conflict massacre; biographical sketches of many of the settlers, particularly detailing their conflict experiences; and a map of the area showing the location of various conflict sites. It is accompanied by letters to Workman and to Neil Currie, a Lake Shetek area resident, from and about various area settlers.

*Major Topics:* Currie, Neil; Lake Shetek, Minnesota; Civil population.

- 0233 **Wounded Man (Ta-o-pe) to Henry Hastings Sibley. Recommendation of Wounded Man (Ta-o-pe). October 4, 1862.** 2 frames.

States that Ta-o-pe is a civilized Dakota who aided the whites during the Dakota Conflict.

*Major Topics:* Ta-o-pe; Wounded Man (Dakota chief).

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