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Newsletter

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Dakota Indian Imprisonment in Davenport

Bettendorf Public Library, Bettendorf, IA

Thursday, May 9, 2013

6:30 p.m.

Please join us for a presentation on the history of Dakota
Indians and their imprisonment in Davenport
(for members and guests only)

Speaker: Sara James

150 years after being exiled from their homes located in
Minnesota, Dakota Indians were imprisoned in
Davenport's Camp McClellan Stockade
(to read more on the topic, see following page)

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EXECUTION OF THE THIRTY-EIGHT SIOUX INDIANS
AT MANKATO MINNESOTA DECEMBER 26 1862.

Second Edition

This photo is a print of the hanging (courtesy of the Minnesota Historical Museum/Library).

150 years after first exiled from Minnesota, the Dakota Native Americans will have their story told by Sara James at the Bettendorf Public Library in the Gilbert Room.

Sara James has researched Dakota Indians for well over 25 years, and she will tell the story of a battle that began between Minnesota settlers and Dakota Indians back in 1862.

Moved to the Davenport Camp McClellan Stockade, the Dakota Indians were involved in the largest mass execution known in U.S History. More than 400 Dakota Indian men were tried for murder of which 300 were convicted.

U.S President Abraham Lincoln intervened, however, and was able to prevent the majority of the Dakota Indians from being put to death; ultimately 38 men were hung on December 26, 1862.

The remainder of men who survived, along with wives and children, were sent to McClellan Stockade in April of 1863. James recalls the stories of Dakota Indian survivors in her presentation about those who were imprisoned, what happened during the imprisonment, and the events that occurred after the Dakota Indians were released in May, 1866.

James also offers information on those who died while imprisoned, about 100, and their tales.



This photo (courtesy of the State Historical Society of Iowa) is of Big Eagle (Wambdi Tanka) and was taken in Davenport at the time the Dakota were held there.

Sunday, May 19th, 1-5 PM Davenport's first ever "Altar Crawl", sponsored by Hilltop Campus Village and P.U.N.C.H. Visitors will be able to explore some of Davenport's most historic churches on May 19th and it is all free.

Participating churches include: Bethel A.M.E., First Baptist, First Christian, First Presbyterian, St. John's United Methodist, and Trinity Episcopal.

For more Information:
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**A special Thank-you to
Jean & James O'Hare for
the tour of their home last
month and to Mr.
Gardner & Larry Minard
for their tour and talk.**

MEMBER POSITION OPEN

Due to a recent resignation of a board member who is moving away, we have a board position open. If interested, please contact Judy Belfer [324-7779 or belferj@att.net] or any board

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