

## The Dakota Uprising - Vernon Ashley - OSEU #6

In the mid-1800s, 1862, my ancestors were living in along the Minnesota and Mississippi River in these tributaries in the Minnesota. And, but as the pilgrims came to the our eastern shores and they started to move, move us west, and I wanted to tell you that the government made treaties with the tribes. But those so-called commissioners, I don't know how much authority they had to make treaties. What started the Dakota Uprising in Minnesota in 1862, the government was reneging on this treaty to provide foodstuff and a place to live and so forth.

Well, in 1862, the government reneged because you must remember there was a Civil War on at that time. And so they, of course, when they cut back on the rations, see the people couldn't hunt because the farmers were already established. And so they were hungry. And finally, it got to a point where some of the men went hunting and they went back and they were unsuccessful. So they stole some eggs and, and some chickens. But that's what started it. And when the farmers objected, well then they killed, they killed the farmers and his families even.

And that's what started this Dakota Uprising.