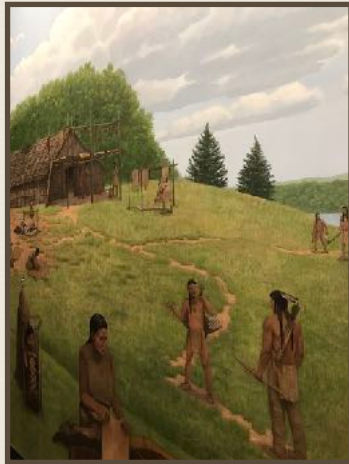


Charlotte Ouisconsin Clark Van Cleve, in her book, "**Three Score Years and Ten, Lifelong Memories of Fort Snelling, Minnesota, and Other Parts of the West**," in chapter 11, noted, "The fort children, who had been watching with their parents, wept, for their friend was dead."

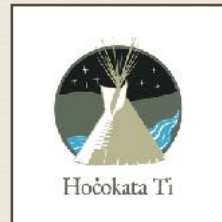
That night, the bodies of the Dakota men were dropped from the bluff into the river."



From Mdewakanton: Dwellers of the Spirit Lake at Hočokata Ti, 2019.



For more information about Šakpe I, Tínta Otuŋwe, and the Dakota, Hočokata Ti [ho-cho-kah-tah-tee] the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community's (SMSC) cultural center and gathering space, is worth visiting. The public exhibit, "Mdewakanton: Dwellers of the Spirit Lake," enhance the knowledge and understanding of the Mdewakanton Dakota people and their history. Hočokata Ti is at 2300 Tiwaha Circle, Shakopee, MN 55379. (952) 233-9151.



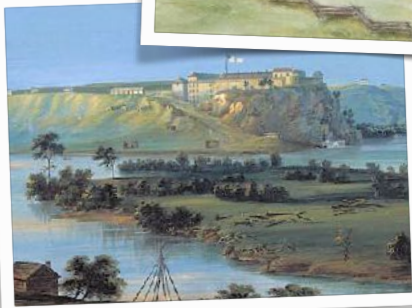
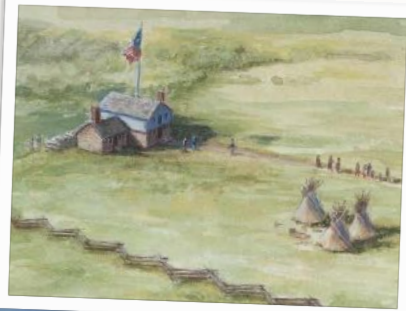
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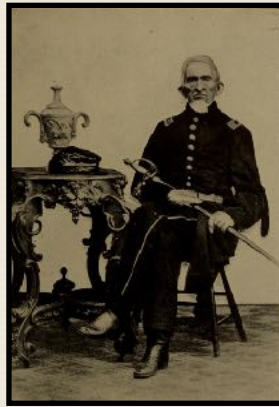


Šakpe (pronounced 'shock-pay') is a Dakota word for the number six, and is the name of three leaders of the Dakota village of Tínta Otunŋwe.

According to one story, Dakota leader Šakpe I (1750 – June 1827) received this name when his wife, Ptesanŋ Wiŋ (White Buffalo Woman), also known as Pteska Wiŋ, gave birth to sextuplet boys.

Šakpe I met Major Stephen Harriman Long at the mouth of the Minnesota River in 1817, when Long came up to distribute the presents for which Lieutenant Zebulon Pike had contracted to send them 12 years earlier when he made the Pike's Purchase.

In June 1827, the Dakota and Anishinaabe were camping in a field outside of Fort Snelling.



Lawrence Taliaferro (February 28, 1794– January 22, 1871) was a U.S. Army officer best known for his service as an Indian agent at Fort Snelling from 1820 through 1839. The U.S. stole the Dakota lands east of the Mississippi without keeping up its end of the bargain. The Indians ended up debt-ridden and desperate for their means of survival,. Taliaferro became increasingly critical of the United States' inability to make good on their promises. In poor health, he resigned his position and left the Army.

Charlotte Ouisconsin Van Cleve (July 1, 1819–April 1, 1907) was an American women's suffrage advocate and social reformer during the early history of Minnesota, She was born during her parents' journey to help build the future Fort Snelling, and she lived to see a fledgling community grow into an urban center. She wrote about Fort Snelling and about Šakpe I.



That night, five Dakota Indians slipped in and shot several Anishinaabe, killing two and wounding three.

Lawrence Taliaferro, the Indian Agent, persuaded the Dakota to give up the men who had done the shooting. The Dakota lived by the principle of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a life for a life.

For the five wounded Anishinaabe, the Dakota handed over five Dakota. Among them was leader Šakpe.

The punishment was to run the gauntlet. The Dakota encampment was far across the field; halfway across stood the Anishinaabe men, armed with their rifles.

The Indian women and children stood behind the warriors of their tribes.

Outside, the open gate were the troops, standing in rank; the offices, and shackled Dakota prisoners.

Charlotte Ouisconsin Van Cleve, who was a child at Fort Snelling, remembered that one who was forced to run the gantlet was Šakpe I. Charlotte readily recognize him from his commanding height and graceful form; he was her friend and Charlotte hoped he will get home. "He darted out from the blue-coated ranks of the soldiers almost before the children knew. The rifles cracked. The smoke cleared."

"A roar of delight from the Sioux (Dakota)—Shakopee was still running; and the fort children began to clap their hands; for the Chippewas (Anishinaabe) had fired off all their rifles and had to pause to reload."

"He was not ten paces from the goal when the rifles again cracked. The children hid their faces. His body had jerked into the air..."

When the dust cleared, he was lying on the ground where he had fallen.