

## Vantage Points Theme Index: Dakota, Nakota and First Nations

### **Assiniboine (Nakota)** [Web](#) Vol. II, Page 47

The Assiniboine were once a Nation that occupied a territory that spanned the prairie provinces (including southwestern Manitoba) and parts of the northern United States.

### **Dakota Claim in Canada** [Web](#) Vol. II Page 48

Unlike other First Nations in Canada, the Dakota did not sign treaties with the Canadian government. Because of this they are still fighting for acknowledgment of their Aboriginal title.

### **Eva McKay: The Dakota Experience** [Web](#) Vol. III Page 22

Retelling History: Elder, healer and activist Eva McKay tells of the gross misinterpretation of history as it describes her people

### **Chief Inkpaduta** [Web](#) Vol. IV, Page 39

We may never be sure which way to see Inkpaduta, but we can be fairly certain that while in Canada, he lived a peaceful life.

### **Lauder Sandhills** [Web](#) / Vol. III, Page 13

10,000 BC - Present) The unique environment provided by the Lauder Sandhills attracted bison, which appealed to the early peoples who came to camp and live there.

### **Numbered Treaties in Manitoba** [Web](#) Vol. III, Page 18

Southern Manitoba was included in the signing of Treaty 1 and 2 in 1871 between local First Nations and the government of Canada. This event marked a major shift in land use on the prairies.

### **Sitting Eagle** [Web](#) Vol. IV, Page 40

He and his Grandfather H'damani were among the few who declined a \$200 government pay-off to relocate to a reserve near Pipestone. By 1909, only H'damani, his grandson Chaske (later known as Sitting Eagle) and a few others remained.

### **Skull Swamp** [Web](#) Vol. I, Page 7

Skull Swamp is an example of the ingenuity possessed by post glacial societies in their bison hunting techniques and how they used the existing landscape to their advantage.

### **Sourisford Linear Burial Mounds** [Web](#) Vol. 2, Page 40

Artifacts from these thousand year-old burial mounds indicate the trade relations that existed upon the plains before convenient modes of transportation.

### **1885 - A Troubled Summer** [Web](#) Vol. IV, Page 46

With the benefit of hindsight we know that any escalation of that conflict was unlikely. But the settlers in rural Manitoba didn't know that.

### **The Souris Plains in 1491** [Web](#) Vol. V, Page 1

What was life like on the Souris Plains before the Europeans arrived? It was interesting and by any measure, the home to many very successful civilizations.

**Who Were the First Farmers on the Plains?** [Web](#) Vol. V, Page 2

Ongoing archeological research south of Melita is providing additional information about pre-contact agricultural activity in our region

**Turtle Mountain Reserve (IR60)** [Web](#) Vol. I, Page 18

The Turtle Mountain Reserve became the smallest reserve in Canada, measuring only one square mile.

**The Mission School** [Web](#) Vol. V, Page 3

In 1892 the local Endeavour Society obtained some funds and set up a school in a donated cabin on the Turtle Mountain Reserve.

**Shutting Down IR#60** [Web](#) Vol. V, Page 4&5

In 1889 Indian Agent J.A. Markle, based in Birtle, raised the possibility of relocating H'damani's band.

**Pauline Johnson Comes to Town** [Web](#) Vol. IV, Page 51

The celebrated poet toured extensively across Canada. She even came to Napinka, where she made quite an impression.

**Mandan Trail** [Web](#) Vol. I, Page 5

The explorer LaVérendrye used the Mandan Trail on his expedition in 1738 to visit the Mandan villages along the Missouri, thus the trail quite possibly existed prior to the fur trade era.

**Yellow Quill Trail** [Web](#) Vol. I, Page 6

The main highway - to the southwest corner.

**The Souris Basin Fur Trade** [Web](#) Vol. I, Page 8

The Souris Basin was very important in the fur trade of the 18th and 19th Centuries.

**Ash House** [Web](#) Vol. I, Page 9

Ash House was built on the north shore of the Souris as a canoe fort.

**Lena House** [Web](#) Vol. I, Page 10

Lena House is one of two fur trading posts which were located on Turtle Mountain, though its exact location has never been determined.

**John Pritchard** [Web](#) Vol. I, Page 11

A Normally Competent Fur Trader Loses His Way

**Fort Mr. Grant** [Web](#) Vol. I, Page 12

Fort Mr. Grant was built sometime between 1824 and 1826 on the Souris River near Hartney.

**Fort Desjarlais** [Web](#) Vol. I, Page 13

Fort Desjarlais is remembered today as the most prominent and successful of the Souris River trading posts.