

## **Videos or other media**

(These reviews are my own and, therefore, subject to my own conclusions and viewpoints (02/10)  
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### **“Souvenir Book of New Ulm, Minnesota”**

2003

Mike Portner and Terry Sveine

P.S. Publishing

A full-color, 24-page souvenir book showing New Ulm’s sites and attractions.

Available at the Schell’s Brewery Gift Shop or direct from the publishers at 507-354-1123.

### **“The Immigrant: Anton Gag”**

This is an excellent 25-minute video available from the New Ulm Library.

It is surprisingly deep and features examples of his life and artwork.

### **“The Dakota Conflict”**

This is an excellent 1-hour video, produced by P.B.S. and is available at the Brown County Museum and the Library. It offers an intelligent and balanced view of the fight, from both sides, with many historic photographs. It is a must for anyone interested in this subject!

### **“Unser Schoenes Heimat” (Our Beautiful Homeland)**

A video from the local German-Bohemian Heritage Society that showcases areas in the former Bohemia (the modern Czeck Republic) where many of New Ulm’s early families came from. It is quite interesting, but may be more for those with this special interest. The Chamber and Public Library have copies and the German-Bohemian group has some in their library (which is only open sporadically.)

### **“The 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of New Ulm, August 23, 1862”**

This is a wonderful painting by Comfrey, MN native, Mike Eischen, that was done in 2004 and the original is in the Brown County Museum. However, see the enlargement on the front yard of the Museum and look for personal size reprints soon to be available from the Museum.

An excellent piece to help you visualize what the battle was like in New Ulm!

### **“A Guide to Brown County History”**

Artwork by Paul Klammer, Research by Leotta Kellett

2004

It is a detailed historical map of Brown County with old roads, significant businesses noted and more.

This has been reprinted for personal use and is on the back of the Eischen painting on the front yard of the Museum. Klammer was Brown Count Historical Society Director and created this historic view of the county. Very useful for understanding the early layout and roads of the county.

### **“The Dakota Conflict Map”**

Published by the Mankato, MN Chamber of Commerce, it shows the locations of all of the sites associated with the battles. It is hard to find, though. The New Ulm Visitor Center *may* have some.

### **“Minnesota Territory Postcards”**

Corrine Marz

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2010

Corrine’s business has printed four postcards of New Ulm interest of:

Anton Gag’s “Hermann on Horseback;”

Mike Eischen’s “2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of New Ulm;”

Adrian Ebell’s photograph of “Refugees from Williamson and Riggs’ Mission;”

Frank Stengel’s “First Battle of New Ulm.”

### **Further Resources:**

There are several of the **area towns and counties** that have published their histories and city centennials. Recent local additions include; Hanska, LaSalle, Searles and Lafayette. Many of these are available in the New Ulm Library and the Brown County Museum. Various area **churches** have also published their history but, not surprisingly, they tend to not yield much social, cultural or political history – but do have *some* family history.

The **Brown County Historical Society and Museum** (BCHS) has an extensive collection of maps, biographies, photographs, research books and assistance. They have a very nice selection of books, videos and maps for sale. They also have an excellent collection of printed “**Family Histories**” that have been researched and prepared by interested family members about their ancestors. These can save you untold hours of work! Their services are free to members and nominal to non-members. The staff is very knowledgeable (especially the Research Expert, Darla Gebhard) about New Ulm’s past in many aspects.

There have been **several recent essays submitted** for the “Kitty Lieb Historical Essay Contest” about various aspects of local and county-wide history. These are on file at the Museum and must be read there. Check into them, they are often the single best source on specific but their wealth of information might be overwhelming to the casual student of history! Look up [www.BrownCountyHistorymnusa.org](http://www.BrownCountyHistorymnusa.org) .

“**E-Bay**” - I have found several items for sale on the internet site, [www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com) . Use “New Ulm”, under the “search” listing. Postcards, photos, books and artifacts galore are typical!

The **New Ulm Public Library** is home to the only collection of its kind in the U.S., the “German Heritage Collection” of books, periodicals and other documents dealing with achievements and contributions made by German Americans to the United States.

The **Minnesota Historical Society**, in St. Paul, also has an amazingly deep collection on the Sioux Uprising and other aspects of New Ulm’s history but this is for the serious student. I would contact the BCHS before going to this source. Try looking at [www.mnhs.org](http://www.mnhs.org) where they have plenty of old photos of New Ulm.

### **Contacts for more information or book purchase locations:**

Terry Sveine  
New Ulm Convention and Visitor Bureau  
1 North Minnesota / P.O. Box 384  
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e-mail [tsveine@newulmtel.net](mailto:tsveine@newulmtel.net)  
888-463-9856  
[www.newulm.com](http://www.newulm.com)

Brown County Historical Society  
2 North Minnesota  
New Ulm, MN 56073  
507-233-2616  
[bchs@newulmtel.net](mailto:bchs@newulmtel.net)  
or 507-233-4300  
*(They have a good selection of historic books.)*

New Ulm Public Library  
19 North Broadway  
New Ulm, MN 56073  
507-359-8331  
[cbaird@tds.lib.mn.us](mailto:cbaird@tds.lib.mn.us)

Bookshelves and Coffeecups  
Attn: Jerry Chamberlain  
123 North Minnesota  
New Ulm, MN 56073  
507-359-4600  
*(Used books in a coffee shop setting.)*

Sven and Ole’s Books  
Attn: Sven Eelma  
2 North Minnesota Street  
New Ulm, MN 56073  
507-354-6421  
[www.svenandolesbooks.com](http://www.svenandolesbooks.com)  
*(New and used books, with procurement service.)*

## **The only structures remaining in New Ulm from before the Sioux Uprising of 1862:**

1. **the Friedrich Kiesling house**                      220 North Minnesota  
It is the best preserved of all and currently a home to the local art council, "C.A.N.U."  
It was full of straw ready to be burned by the settlers in the Uprising if the Indians took the town.  
An interpretive marker is on the site, along with a full-size cut-out of Frederick Kiesling!.
  
2. **the Frederick Forster building**                      117 North Broadway  
The original brick was stuccoed over and now houses an antique store, "Antiques Plus".  
There is evidence of bullet marks from the Uprising on the north side, behind the smoked glass.  
Three different interpretive markers are on the site, which are themselves studies in historical interpretation!
  
3. **the August Schell Brewery**                      Schell's Park  
The original building from 1860 is used now as their office and it's in good shape externally.
  
4. **the Frank Erd building**                      108 North Minnesota  
It has undergone a variety of changes, including stuccoing over the beautiful brickwork  
Read the historic plaque on it describing how the women and children gathered in here during the Uprising. Today it is an accounting business, "Larson, Allen."  
An interpretive marker is on the site.
  
5. **the Weddendorf home**                      826 North Minnesota  
Still a private home with an addition over the years. Apparently the basement has evidence of its age.  
There's a nice story about it's role in the Uprising in Louis Fritsche's book!
  
6. **the Schalk house**                      822 North State  
A private home but with many additions and moved from its original site on 3<sup>rd</sup> North and Minnesota where it was during the Uprising.  
(As of June, 2008 the metal and granite marker on the front yard was down, but it may be reinstalled.)
  
7. **the Waraju Distillery**                      Harman Park, Center and Garden Streets  
Only the chimney remains of this former liquor distillery that was burned in the Uprising.  
An interpretive marker is on the site.