

Specific Sites Relevant to the Dakota Conflict In and Around New Ulm

Interpretive Markers Downtown

Painting outside Brown County Museum	2 North Broadway
“Battles of New Ulm” Plaque	25 North Broadway
Forster Building	117 North Broadway
New Ulm Battery	100 North Broadway
Jacob Nix Platz	126 North Broadway
Kiesling House	220 North Minnesota
Grand Hotel	208 North Minnesota
Erd Building	108 North Minnesota
Dakota Hotel	105 North Minnesota
Brick Sculpture	16 North Minnesota
Kiesling Blacksmith Shop	1 South Minnesota

Interpretive Markers Around Town

Roebbecke Mill	1 South State
Brown County Pioneers	14 South State (on the Courthouse front lawn)
Defenders’ Monument	715 Center Street (on the boulevard between State and Washington Streets)
Leavenworth Rescue Expedition	501 South Garden
Waraju Distillery	2 nd North and West Streets (in Harmon Park)

Unmarked Sites Around Town

Schell’s Brewery Office	1860 Schell Road
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Area Sites from that Era

Recruitment Party Ambush Site	Highway 29 – 8 miles west of N. U.
Milford Monument	Highway 29 – 8 miles west of N.U.
Harkin Store	Highway 21 – 8 miles west of New Ulm
Ft. Ridgely	Highway 4 – 15 miles west of New Ulm
Chief Sleepy Eyes Monument	Highway 14 – in the middle of Sleepy Eye
Sod Houses by Sanborn	Highway 14 - Magnolia Road, near Sanborn

The only structures remaining* in New Ulm from before the Dakota Conflict of 1862:

1. **The Friedrich Kiesling house** (220 North Minnesota)

It is the best preserved of all and is on its original site.

It was full of straw ready to be burned by the settlers in the Uprising if the Indians took the town.

2. **The Frederick Forster building** (117 North Broadway)

The original brick was stuccoed over and has had varying additions over time. It now houses an antique store, “Antiques Plus”. There is evidence of bullet marks from the Uprising on the north side, behind the smoked glass. The 3 interpretive panels on it’s front are worth seeing themselves.

3. **The August Schell Brewery** (1860 Schell's Road)
The original building from 1860 is now used 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."

5. **The Weddendorf home** (826 North Minnesota)
It is still a private home with additions over the years. Apparently the basement has evidence of its age.
There's a nice story about its 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 3rd 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.

* There is a possible house on the 200 South Minnesota block that has claimed 1858 as a construction date, but hard evidence needs to be forthcoming before being included in this grouping.

**This list is not intended to convey the feeling that everything else was destroyed during the fighting. That is not true. While it's true that many of the original structures were destroyed, many were also victims of "modernization," subsequent fires, a variety of damage, and changing real estate needs.*