

# Manannah Massacre

August 26, 1862



**Marker Location:** *1/2 mile West of the town of Manannah on the South side of Cty Rd 3.*

The massacre at Manannah took place on August 26, 1862. Eleven men who had found safety in Forest City left there in the early morning to their homesteads in the town of Manannah to check on their animals and pick up food and other needed supplies. Eating dinner quickly at the home of Maybee, they headed over to the Carlos Caswell homestead where they had left a yoke of oxen in the barn.

After dinner, they traveled two miles to the Silas Caswell home. Here they loaded Wilmot Maybee's two-horse wagon with provisions and bedding. Maybee, in company with Joseph Page, Philip Deck, and Linus Howe with Deck's one-horse rig, started on their return trip to Forest City. When they reached the home of Carlos Caswell, the rest of the party scattered to recover stock. The team driven by Maybee and Deck entered the yard and were ambushed by Indians who had hidden behind a pile of lumber. Page was killed and fell from the wagon and Deck and Howe drove about 20 rods when they were killed. Maybee drove roughly 40 rods when he left his team and ran toward the river, but was soon overtaken and shot.

The killing was witnessed by Chauncey Wilson and Thomas Ryckman who were stationed roughly 60 rods away. They were powerless in providing assistance because they had left their guns in the wagon. All of the group except the victims mentioned above reached Forest City in safety. Those not named above that were members of the party were Moddy Caswell, N.C. Caswell, James Nelson, R.D. Cressy, and David Hoar.

The victims are buried in the Union Grove Cemetery in Union Grove Township, Meeker County.

- **Phillip H. Deck:** Eight bullets in his back. Born in 1826, France. Age: 36
- **Lyman (Linus) Howe:** Shot and scalped. Born 1803, Worcester, MA. Age: 59
- **Wilmott Maybee:** Killed. Age: 27
- **Joseph Page:** Throat cut ear to ear. Age: 50

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