

Colin Campbell. (b. 1790s)

Collin was the son of Archibald John Campbell¹ and a Dakota woman and married a Dakota woman. Colin was a young Lieutenant in British militia during the War of 1812 when Major Zachary Taylor brought an American force north from St. Louis in an attempt to retake Prairie du Chien from British and Dakota warrior hands. Captain Duncan Graham who led the defence of the trading center, praised Colin, Lt. Michael Brisbois and Sergeant James Keating for their efforts in Taylor's failed effort.

In September of 1820 Colin was sent to the Sisseton near the Blue Earth River to bring in the murders of two of Manuel Lisa's men. He brought back to recently built Fort Snelling a Sisseton War Chief who claimed responsibility for the deaths. In 1821 and 1823 Colin was interpreting at councils held by Taliaferro at Fort Snelling between the Dakota and the visiting Ojibwa. By 1855 he is near the mouth of the Platte River. His brother, Scott Campbell (b. 1790) was also an interpreter at Fort Snelling.



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¹Archibald "John" Campbell: (1775-1808)

John was born in Londonderry, Muff Co., Ireland & first married Catherine Demontigny and a second marriage to a Dakota woman, who died in 1801. Their children were: John, Jeremiah, Duncan, Colin, Scott, Margaret-Pelagia (married 1st.Edward Pizanne and married 2nd.Hercules Dousman) and Nancy (1790's-1887; married John Palmer Bourke).

Archibald had been trading since 1792 and two years later is trading out of the "Little Rapids" with the Wahpetons. From 1800-06 he is a trader for the Machinac Co. but became an independent trader in 1806. In December of 1807 he is appointed the U.S. Indian Sub-Agent at Prairie du Chien, through the recommendation of Gov.Meriwether Lewis and the next year (summer 1808) he was killed in a duel with trader Redford Crawford, Campbell's former trading associate, Robert Dickson acted as Redford's second.