

One Minute in Sycamore History



Did any Native Americans in DeKalb County befriend the white settlers? See how many ideas you can come up with in just ONE minute. Ready, set, GO!



CHIEF SHABBONA
Staunch Friend of the Early Settlers

Although many Native Americans were forced to move to reservations in Iowa, Chief Shabbona and his tribe befriended the white settlers in DeKalb County. Shabbona even warned settlers about attacks that Native Americans were planning. His friendship with the white settlers was so strong that some settlers bought land for him to live on after the government had taken his tribal land away from him.