

People in Martin County's Past. . .



and,
how they shaped the
history of our county.

Henry Martin

- Martin County was named in honor of Henry Martin of Wallingford, CT, then a resident of Mankato.

- Some claim the honor belongs to Morgan Martin of Green Bay, WI.



- Henry Martin, a Connecticut native, lived in Mankato.

- He purchased land in Martin County and planned to live there, however, he moved back to Connecticut.

Bob Wallace

- Born in Illinois in 1885, he came to North Star with his parents.
- He attended school in Fairmont.
- He opened a dry goods and grocery store in Fairmont in 1915.
- He later bought stores in Sherburn, Granada, Winnebago, Ceylon, and Spencer, Iowa.
- In 1932, he disposed of his small stores and opened one in Albert Lea.
- The last store closed in Fairmont in 1996 after 81 years in business.

