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Fort Renville (Minnesota)

In 1826, Joseph Renville built a fur trading post at the south end of today's Lac qui Parle Lake in Minnesota. Renville's mother was Dakota and his father was French Canadian. In 1835, Christian missionaries built the Lac qui Parle Mission near the trading post. After Renville's death, Martin McLeod took over the post until 1851 when both the post and the mission were abandoned. The site is currently part of Lac qui Parle State Park.

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