

John Hayden, Patrick and Mary Hayden and daughter, Catherine

John and Patrick were brothers who were homesteading east of the mouth of Beaver Creek at the time of the uprising. Patrick and his wife, Mary, had a small child called Catherine; John was unmarried. Patrick was warned about the uprising while traveling to the Redwood River by Thomas Robinson. He returned home, and the family packed quickly, hitched their wagon and headed for safety, alarming their neighbors along the way of their plight. They picked up several neighbors, the Junis' and the Zimmermans', on their way. But for some reason, John and Patrick were skeptical that this uprising was occurring and they headed back to their homes. They did not feel the Indians would kill anyone and had planned to give them provisions if they wanted them.

The Hayden, Juni and Zimmerman party continued on and eventually arrived at David Faribault's place. In the meantime, John and Patrick had a change of heart and headed west hoping to catch up with Mary and Catherine. When they approached the Redwood Ferry, the Dakota jumped them and killed John and later killed Patrick. When Mary heard the fighting at the ferry, she ran from the Faribault house with her baby. She hid in the thickets south of the road until sundown and made her way to Fort Ridgely, arriving three hours later.