



*Late in his life, George Bonga settled near Leech Lake. Bungo Township in Cass County was named after the Bonga family, even though the spelling is different.*

two groups talk to each other and sign treaties.

In 1837 his brother Stephen Bonga was an interpreter when the Ojibwe and the U.S. government signed a treaty at Fort Snelling. In this treaty, the Ojibwe gave up much of their land in central Minnesota and moved to other parts of the area. Thirty years later, George Bonga helped the U.S. government and the Ojibwe sign an 1867 treaty.

### **George Bonga and His Many Friends**

When he was almost 40 years old, George Bonga married an Ojibwe woman named Ashwinn from Leech Lake in north-central Minnesota. They had four children: James, Peter, William, and Suzan. George taught his sons how to work in the fur trade, too. But by the time James, Peter, and