

Fort Niobrara, Nebraska

RG506 Fort Niobrara, Nebraska
Records, etc: 1880-1906

HISTORICAL NOTE

The site of Fort Niobrara, Nebraska was selected in 1879, and a military reservation was laid out east of present Valentine in Cherry County. The fort was originally designed to guard the nearby Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

In 1882, the town of Valentine established near Fort Niobrara proved to be a valuable asset providing a ready market, which stimulated the growth of the town and surrounding region.. Fort Niobrara was closed in 1906 and 16,000 acres of the military reservation were set aside as the Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of records of Fort Niobrara, Nebraska arranged in two series: (1) Official Records on microfilm, 1880-1906 and (2) documents and correspondence relating to the history of the fort and establishment of a wild life refuge.

These records consist primarily of post returns from Fort Niobrara, Nebraska, 1880-1906 relating to the troops and activities at the Fort during the period. These post returns were purchased from the National Archives in June 1972. One film strip contains a record book of the Post Cemetery, filmed by the NSHS in 1957 from an original in possession of the Superintendent, Fort Niobrara Game Refuge.

DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE	FORT NIOBRARA
Roll 1	Post Returns April 1880- December 1894
Roll 2	Post Returns January 1895- September 1906
Roll 3 January 1983	Purchased by Thos. R. Buccker, Neligh Mills, 20 NARS 393, USA Commander Chaplain Reports, 1902 – 1906

Roll 4 NARS RG94, S-439 Medical History, August 1902 –
July 1906

Roll 5 NARS RG393, USA Commander Register of
Summary Courts
Marshal December 1905 – 1906

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Roll 6
Army NARS RG665-259 and RG665-263 Returns from Regular
Fort Infantry Regiments: 25th US Infantry, 1901-03 (Service at
Niobrara)
26th US Infantry, 1901-02

Roll 7
Army NARS RG 665-260 and RG 665-265 Returns from Regular
Fort Infantry Regiments: 25th US Infantry, 1904-05 (Service at
Niobrara)
26th US Infantry, 1906-10

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Niobrara, 1880

List of Regiments and Companies in Service at Fort
-1906

List of Graves removed to Valentine cemetery, completed
21 June 1907

Notes on history of Fort Niobrara compiled by Murtle D.
Berry, NSHS, 8 February 1956

Notes on legal description and ownership of lands near Fort
Niobrara

Petition by soldiers to organize a new county

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NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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Presidential Executive Order #1461, January 11, 1912,
establishing National Wildlife Refuge at Niobrara, Nebraska

*Pamphlet: Opening of Lands in Former Fort Niobrara
Military Reservation in Nebraska, Regulations of July 15,
1913, as amended October 4, 1913, in conformity with the
President's Proclamation of September 30, 1913, and
Disposition of Lands Excluded from the Nebraska National
Forest, in Nebraska, by Proclamation of the President Made
and Issued September 30, 1913, Regulations approved
October 4, 1913. Washington GPO, 1913. 12 pp*

*Pamphlet: Fort Niobrara National Wildlife, Refuge, US Dept
of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Sport
Fisheries and Wildlife*

Letters by J.R. Farris to A. E. Sheldon, 29 October 1938
C.M. Bruce to John A. Maguire, 9 December 1913
John A. Maguire to Albert Watkins, 10 December
1913

Answers to questions contained in letter to NSHS from J.M.
Quaife, Detroit Public Library, 3 August 1939