

## **Fort Randall, South Dakota**

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Records: 1856-1892

Cubic ft.: .25

No. of Items: 2 and 3 reels of microfilm

### **HISTORICAL NOTE**

Fort Randall was established in June of 1856 at a site near the confluence of the Missouri and Niobrara rivers in what is now South Dakota. The post was designed to be a principal military supply depot on the upper Missouri to protect that vital waterway and serve as a buffer between hostile Indians and newly arrived settlers.

Troops from the fort were involved in numerous campaigns during the Indian wars, including the Sully expeditions of 1863-1865. Troops from the fort also played a part in establishing several other forts in the Upper Missouri region.

In the 1870's, Fort Randall assumed the role of a major supply point for the campaigns against the Indians in area further north and west. Following the discovery of gold in the Black Hills in 1874, troops from the fort were often involved in futile attempts to prevent miners and others from entering the region. In 1881, the famous chief, Sitting Bull, was confined at Ft. Randall after his surrender at Ft. Buford. Ft. Randall remained an active post until 1892 and the site today is near the Ft. Randall Dam on the Missouri River.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of the records of Fort Randall, South Dakota arranged in two series: 1) Post Returns, 1856-1892; and 2) Miscellaneous, 1860-1873.

As well as the post returns on microfilm in Series One, there is a letter from Lt. Stephen D. Lee to an Omaha company, 1860, and a telegram ordering the 7<sup>th</sup> U.S. Cavalry to Ft. Randall, Dakota Territory, March 1873.

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## DESCRIPTION

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### **SERIES ONE POST RETURNS, 1856-1892**

Roll #1	Post Returns	June 1856 - December 1866
Roll #2	Post Returns	Jan. 1867 - December 1877
Roll 33	Post Returns	Jan. 1880 - November 1892

### **SERIES TWO (NOT MICROFILMED)**

B.01 1860-1873 (KS/09/08/1, new)

Item #1	Letter, Lt. Stephen D. Lee to Robertson and Clark, Omaha, May 18, 1860 (donated)
Item #2	Telegram ordering 7 <sup>th</sup> U.S. Cavalry to the fort, March 1873 (donated)

END OF INVENTORY

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