

Fort Sidney, Nebraska

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Records: 1870-1909

Cubic ft.: .75

Approx. # of Items: 600 and 3 reels of 35mm
microfilm

HISTORICAL NOTE

Sidney Barracks was established in 1867 with a primary function of protecting the Union Pacific Railroad track layers against the threat of hostile indians. In 1869 the post was relocated to the present site at Sidney, Nebraska, and the following year it was renamed Fort Sidney.

In the mid 1870's the post became a major strategic point as the initial supply depot on the Sidney-Blackhills trail. Through-out the mid 1870's supplies and passengers traveled the trail to the Red Cloud Indian Agency and beyond to the Black Hills gold fields. In 1878 troops from Fort Sidney were called to participate in the search for Dull Knife's Cheyennes who had escaped from their reservation in Oklahoma, and who were later recaptured near Fort Robinson, Nebraska.

Fort Sidney was closed in 1899 and all the buildings sold.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of records of Fort Sidney during active and abandoned status, 1870-1909, arranged into four series: 1) Post Returns, 1870-1894; 2) Post Medical Records, 1871-1892; 3) Abandoned Military Reservation File, 1871-1909; and 4) Construction Records, 1869-1894.

Series One consists of the Post Returns for Fort Sidney, taken monthly and reporting on post activities and personnel to the Adjutant General's Office in Washington. These records were purchased from the National Archives for reference in 1972.

Series Two consists of two Post Medical Record volumes micro-filmed by the National Archives for Tom Buecker of Arnold, Nebraska, in November of 1975 and donated to the Historical Society in March of 1983. These volumes relate to the treatment of patients in the post hospital, 1871-1892.

Series Three consists of photocopies of original records housed in the National Archives under RG49, Records of the General Land Office. The series includes

correspondence, orders, and legislation during the time when the post was occupied, 1871-1909, and records concerning the disposition of the property after closing, 1894-1909.

ADDED ENTRIES:

ARCHITECTURE--NEBRASKA--DESIGNS AND PLANS

Buecker, Thomas

CHEYENNE INDIANS

FORTS--NEBRASKA--MAPS

HOSPITALS, MILITARY--NEBRASKA

MILITARY ARCHITECTURE

MILITARY BASES--NEBRASKA

Sidney Barracks (Sidney, Neb.)

SIDNEY-BLACK HILLS TRAIL

SIDNEY (NEB.)--HISTORY

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

UNITED STATES--ARMED FORCES--MEDICAL CARE

United States. General Land Office

Scope and Content Note cont.

Series Four consists of oversize blueprints and diagrams of structures erected on post property, 1871-1890, including plans relating to the City of Sidney, (n.d.). Original Thermofax copies were donated to the Historical Society by the Cheyenne County Historical Society in May of 1972. Maps were xeroxed and original thermofax were destroyed March 28, 1984. Also included in this series is a copy of "An Analysis of the Buildings of Fort Sidney, 1870-1894," compiled by Tom Buecker of Arnold, Nebraska, May 1976.

DESCRIPTION

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SERIES ONE POST RETURNS, 1870-1894

Roll #1	Post Returns, October 1870
NARS	thru
MC617 (1965)	Post Returns, December 1881
AR#1171	

Roll #2	Post Returns, January 1882
NARS	thru
MC617 (1965)	Post Returns, June 1894
AR#1172	

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SERIES TWO POST MEDICAL RECORDS, 1871-1892

Roll #1	Post Medical History, v.108
NARS (1975)	June 1871 - July 1875
MF3158	thru
Donated	Post Medical History, v.109
	August 1875 - September 1892

SERIES THREE ABANDONED MILITARY RESERVATION FILE, 1871-1909

B.1	f.1	Corres., orders, legislation, 1871-1872	
	f.2	" " "	1874
	f.3	" " "	1880
	f.4	" " "	1884, 1889
			1890, 1892

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f.5	"	"	"	1894-1895
f.6	"	"	"	1896-1897
f.7	"	"	"	1898-1899
f.8	"	"	"	1900, 1909
f.9	Land & Building Evaluation			1884

SERIES FOUR CONSTRUCTION RECORDS, 1871-1880 & n.d.

- B.1 f.10 "An Analysis of the Buildings of Fort Sidney,
1870-1894," compiled by Tom Buecker of
Arnold, Nebraska, May 1976. OD#
- f.11 Blueprints (xerox copies)
Plans of Sidney Barracks, c.1869-1874
Proposed Wood & Timber Reservation
for Ft. Sidney, March-Apr. 1880
Layout of post w/ buildings numbered
and notes as to disposition of
original buildings, 1886-1890
Map showing 20 acres donated to Sidney,
Nebraska for cemetery, n.d.
Sidney, Nebr., UPRR Lots for Sale,
O.D. Lyon, Agent, n.d.

END OF INVENTORY
DJJ/ht 4/18/1973
DJJ/JLS 3/2/1983
PMC/WP51 12/7/1993