

Fort Sully

First fort built in 1863 near Farm Island in Hughes County and abandoned in 1866. The second Fort Sully in Sully County near Oahe was established on July 25, 1866 and abandoned October 20, 1894.

Collections

DeLand, Charles Edmund (H69-005)

Papers, 1890-1935. DeLand, a lawyer, historian and author, corresponded with Major Frederick T. Wilson, Adjutant General's Office, War Department, about the location of Fort Tecumseh, Fort Pierre, Fort Sully, Fort Meade, Fort Randall and Fort Thompson. Box 3339A

Derby, Howard W. (H75-275)

Letter, 1928. Derby wrote a letter to Secretary of the State Historical Society, Doane Robinson in March 16, 1928 about his grandfather, William Shaver. Shaver was with the 30th Wisconsin and accompanied the Sully Expedition in 1864. Shaver wrote letters to his wife during this time and described the construction of old Fort Sully. Box 3548B

Falvey, Henry (H74-155)

Soldier's Handbook, 1883-1887. Falvey served with Company E of the 11th US Infantry. The book kept by Falvey at Fort Sully contains army regulations, personal clothing accounts, marksmanship records, and enlistment records. Box 3475A

Fort Sully (H99-026)

Account Book, 1880-1884. This collection consists of one volume of accounts including names, amounts, services and goods for military officers, soldiers, civilians, stage lines, women customers and Indians. Box 6906B

Fort Sully (H79-022)

Drawings, 1867, 1877, and 1893. Two drawings are layouts of the fort while the third is a sketch of the buildings. MD 62

Fort Sully (H84-127)

Letters, 1872-1888. Includes letters sent from 1872 to 1888 and letters received from 1877 to 1887. Some of the individual volumes include indexes. MF 1645

Fort Sully (Mss 5)

Records, 1872-1888. The volumes of the new Fort Sully consist of letters received, 1877-1881; and letters sent, 1872-1888. Box 3626B

General Photo (H92-012)

Photographs belonging to early Pierre family, [1885-1952]. Images include photographs of the 11th Infantry Band and Army personnel at Fort Sully. Box 5517B

General Photo (P97)

Includes the following images: officers in front of quarters, 1879; birds eye of the fort in 1875, 1883; a pen sketch looking across Ft. Sully Creek from the east; fort traders store, 1869; officers quarters, 1867, 1880, 1894; map of the fort, 1867, 1893, 1923; hospital, 1912, 1950, 1951, 1976; monument erected by residents of Sully County marking the site of the fort; burnt corral, 1885; birds eye views of the fort, 1883; Sully's Camp on Peoria Bottom, 1863; gravestone of Charles H. Gage, Joseph Johnson, and Edward Neal; sketch by W.S. Peck of the fort from the north side hills; Cemetery, 1948; marker on Fort Sully Reservation, 1959; looking across Ft. Sully Creek Valley where stables were located, 1948; looking over basement ruins, 1952; officers of the 11th Infantry, 1884; barracks showing Stanley Morrow's tent set up as a dark room, 1869; barracks; 7th Infantry Officers, 1890; W.R. Cross image of the fort taken from the south end; ruins of commissary storehouse and ice house, 1947; and the monument dedication ceremony, September 21, 1929.

General Photo (P93)

Fort Sully II in with Fort Bennett

Hogan, Martin E. and Kate (H57-003)

Letters, 1871-1874. Lt. Hogan and his wife describe the living conditions on the military posts of Fort Randall and Fort Sully. Box 3650B

Irvine, Javan Bradley (H72-003)

Letters, 1859-1902. Irvine, an army officer, served in the Civil War and at Fort Rice, Fort Thompson and Fort Sully. This collection contains letters written in 1867-1874 while Irvine was stationed at Fort Sully. Boxes 3346A-3347B

Irvine, Javan Bradley Jr. (H75-016)

Diaries, 1870-1873. Irvine kept diaries while accompanying his father who was stationed at Fort Sully. The diaries contain day to day listings of events and life at the fort. Box 3536B

Lewis

Drawing of Fort Sully by soldier, n.d. MD 62

Millett, John H. (H80-020)

Map of Fort Sully, n.d. MD 62

Morrow, Stanley J. (P194-198)

Photograph collection. Photograph of Fort Sully. #124

National Park Service (89-172)

Historic Sites along the Missouri River photographs, 1940's. Box 5719

Peck, Pvt. William S. (H88-069)

Drawing of Fort Sully, [1864-1865]. The sketch of Fort Sully was drawn by William S. Peck, of Company D, 30th Regiment of the Wisconsin Volunteers. The sketch shows buildings, and an Indian encampment. FB 278

Pierre-Ft. Pierre: Miscellaneous (H75-347)

This open collection contains miscellaneous material on Fort Sully. Box 3551

Returns from U.S. Military Posts (MF 48)

Post returns and records for Fort Sully from June 1864 to October 1894. Includes names of enlisted men and commissioned officers, ranks, regiments, companies, remarks and a record of events for that month. (MF 1630)

Riggs Family Collection (H91-088)

Photographs, Biographical Information, and Miscellaneous Material, 1872-1952. This collection includes an 1872 list of chiefs at Fort Sully. Box 4086A

Riggs, Lawrence Howard (H90-056 – H90-059)

Papers, 1899-1988. Lawrence's father, Thomas L Riggs, came to Dakota Territory in 1872 to be a missionary to the Indian tribes near Fort Sully. Lawrence's mother, Margaret Louisa Irvine Riggs, was the daughter of Javan Bradley Irvine who was an officer at Fort Sully. This collection consists of Lawrence's educational records, the Oahe Mission School and Chapel records, biographical data, correspondence, club affiliations, and records of his teaching career. Boxes 3992-3995, FB 80 and MD 16

Robinson, Doane (H74-009)

Papers, 1880-1946. This collection contains one folder with a E.E. Row letter dated February 8, 1908 discussing the weather gathering equipment at Fort Sully and the weather on July 4, 1886. Folder 77 Box 3361A

Schuler, Harold H. (H93-053 and H95-010)

Papers, 1989-1993. Fort Sully research materials that were used to write the book Fort Sully: Guns at Sunset. Boxes 5973-5974 and 5557B

Sporting Club (H23-001)

Record Book, 1871-1874. Record book of the Fort Sully officers' sporting club. The book includes financial records, minutes, hound pedigrees, and records of game caught. Captain Javan Bradley Irvine was the secretary. Box 3649B

Township of Peoria Road Records (H69-007)

Description of roads around Fort Sully including surveyor's notes and sketches, 1886-1893. Box 3342B

Upper Missouri Sioux Agency (H72-004)

Records, 1863-1870. This agency is also known as the Crow Creek Indian Agency. This collection contains correspondence concerning events at the agency. Box 3644B and MD89

Wakpa Sica Historical Society (H92-058)

This collection contains historical site maps, photographs and photocopies on the Fort Pierre area, including Fort Pierre Chouteau, Fort LaFramboise, Fort Tecumseh, Teton Post, Fort Galpin, Fort Sully and the American Fur Company store. Box 5496B

Maps

Dakota. Shows Ft. Sully south east of Fort Pierre, 1868. MF 495 (1846 MF)

Publications

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Hoekman, Steven. "History of Fort Sully." South Dakota Historical Collections, Volume 26, 1952. Pierre, South Dakota.

Vertical Files

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