

## Upper Platte Agency

(see also Red Cloud Agency, Whetstone Agency)

The Upper Platte Agency was established in 1846 to oversee the area of the upper Arkansas River and the upper Platte River. In 1855, its jurisdiction narrowed to the Northern Cheyenne and Arapaho, and the Oglala and Sicangu Lakotas. From 1846 to 1867, the agency was headquartered at various places near Fort Laramie in eastern Wyoming. The headquarters moved to North Platte, Nebraska in 1867, and then to the mouth of Whetstone Creek on the Missouri River in December 1868. In 1869 the agency was renamed Whetstone and was primarily responsible for the people of Spotted Tail's band, as well as other Sicangu, Oglala, and Miniconjou Lakotas. Oglalas under Red Cloud and others living near Fort Laramie remained under this agency until 1871, when it was discontinued.

### Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs, 1846-1870 (M234).

The records in this microfilm publication consist of communications received by the Office of Indian Affairs from the Upper Platte Agency concerning the general situation of the Indians, their population, education, health, and medical care, and their agriculture and subsistence. The letters cover such matters of administrative concern as emigration, land allotments, annuity payments, depredations, claims, complaints, traders, buildings, supplies, employees, and accounts. Correspondence is grouped by year and thereunder arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname or official position of the writer. Within each alphabetical section, correspondence is arranged by file number, which was assigned to each letter as they were registered.

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